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DOUGLASS DAY CELEBRATED

THE PEN AND PENCIL CLUB COMMEMORATES THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

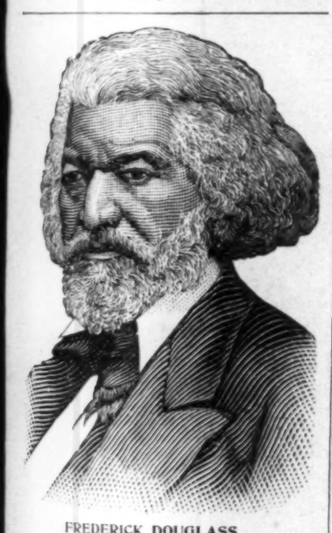
Of the Birth of Frederick Douglass—One of the most Novel and Unique Affairs ever Given.

The members of the Pen and Pencil Club, with a number of distinguished guests, did honor last Friday night to the memory of the late Frederick Douglass, in commemoration of the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth, at Odd Fellows' Hall, on M street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth sts. northwest. The meeting was held in the Banquet Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion with greens and American flags.

The assembly was called to order by Mr. W. L. Houston, Chairman of the governing Committee, who had supervision of the affair, made the address of welcome, at the conclusion of which he introduced Prof. L. M. Hershaw, the president of the club, and who was the master of the ceremonies.

Dr. C. B. Purvis of this city, was introduced as the first speaker. Dr. Purvis spoke of Douglas as a man and citizen, as he had known him through the long years of his residence here. He said that Douglass was one of the best friends a man could wish for, and that his character stood high among the great men of all races in the history of the country. John C. Dancy, the recently appointed recorder of deeds of the District, was next introduced.

Mr. Dancy asserted that he considered Douglass the greatest orator the race had produced. He had more of the elements of the real orator than any negro speaker who had lived since the day the Negroes were allowed to enter the various fields of endeavor. He was powerful in physique, he always spoke with force, his attitude when speaking was that of the natural-born orator, and his voice was



FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

so great that it could be heard with distinctness anywhere and under any conditions and yet his speeches never jarred the nerves of the most sensitive. In conclusion, Recorder Dancy said that Douglass had a more commanding presence than any negro speaker, and always confined himself to truths that were told in the most forceful manner, and were always understood by even the most ignorant person in his audience.

After short speeches by Cyrus Field Adams, president of the Afro-American Press Association, on "Douglass as a Journalist," Judson W. Lyons, the Register of the Treasury, was introduced to present a word picture of

CYRUS FIELD ADAMS.

"Douglass as a States-man." He attributed to Douglass the remarkable progress of the colored race in this country and said that had it not been for this great leader the colored man would not have been held as high in the estimation of the people at large. P. B. S. Pinchback, ex governor of Louisiana, spoke of "Douglass as a Diplomat." He said it is useless to indulge in fulsome description of the man or extravagant praise of his life. There was but one Frederick Douglass, and the whole world knew him, honored him, and loved him. When he joined the silent majority the people of two continents sincerely mourned his death and mingled their tears of sorrow with those of his grief-stricken family. No man either of ancient or modern times, the speaker continued, has been shown greater reverence.

The distinguishing characteristic of Mr. Douglass was thoroughness. With an attractive and charming personality and exceptional vocabulary, he was well equipped for diplomatic service, and his labors in the field of diplomacy were of the highest order, and were creditable alike to himself and the government, and a source of satisfaction to the American people. Douglass endeavored to be as near perfect as possible in everything he undertook said Gov. Pinchback, and all who have ever had the pleasure of listening to his matchless oratory can recall the care with which he selected and uttered his words. In conclusion he said:

"I do not deem it amiss to call your attention to the action of the caucus of the Republican members of Congress last Monday evening. Fifty-six out of ninety one present voted in favor of revision of Southern representation. That is a sign of encouragement. I regard this question as a vital one to the race. Its settlement involves the equality of the voters in the different States. It is to determine whether in the future one white man in the South is to be equal to five or ten men in the North, East and West, in electing Congressmen and Presidential electors. Northern voters are becoming restive under the brand of inferiority this inequality in representation places upon them. Neither 'ridicule or cowardice' ought to prevent Republican Representatives from doing their 'plain duty' on this question and removing this stigma from their constiuents.

"Some of our people and a number of white friends ask what good the curtailment of Southern representation will do the negro? I answer, much. It will curtail the power of our enemies in the nation. It will put a premium on citizenship and tend to its enlargement in the South instead of its curtailment which is now being done all over that section. But better than all else, it will establish an honest electorate and be a long stride in the direction of fair elections. It will remove in a measure the seeming necessity for the gross misrepresentations of the negro which are constantly being sent to the North from the South to justiyfy the repression of the race.

"The one time rebel has been restored to citizenship and is in control of the Southern State governments and enjoying all the honors and emoluments of official station, while the colored men who fought to preserve the Union are being disfranchised by wholesale and humiliated by the most odious and unjust class legislation, which is running a jim crow car right into the Capital of the nation. It is an act of injustice and an exhibition of ingratitude on the part of the nation without a parallel in the worlds history. The ides of November will soon be upon us, and then the court of last resort—the people—will be in session. Will we be brave enough to argue our cause before it? In my opinion, if the grand man whose memory we are here to honor and perpetute was in the land of the living he would not hesitate to speak out in trumpet tones on this important and farreaching question, and by the magic of his immortal name I conjure you to follow the splendid example he has left us."

Ex-Representative George H. White of North Carolina, was introduced to speak of Douglass as leader. He paid an eloquent tribute to the qualities that had predominated in the character of the great negro, and referred to the last years of his life and to the influence he exerted up to the time of his death on his fellows.

Mr. Stanton Wormley who was in excellent voice sang Boots and Saddles in his own inimitable style to the great delight of the gathering. Mr. T. A. Johnson also sang selections from Handel's Messiah. The other musical numbers of the evening consisted of piano solos by Prof Braxton and the sinking of America and Auld Lang Syne by the Club and its guests.

At this juncture Corresponding Secretary Pelham read letters of regret from Booker T. Washington, Maj Charles R. Douglas, Prof. Kelly Miller and others to which was added a nice letter from Mrs. Helen Douglass.

CUPID'S VALENTINE PRESENTATION.

President Hershaw reintroduced Mr. Pelham as the Club's clever wit, versatile writer and able corrdsponding secretary, who would lead in the presentation of a new, novel original feature of which even the club's committee knew but little and at this point "Cupid" impersonated by Master Fred B. Pelham, entered the hall bearing a message to the Secretary from St. Valentine and a valentine for the club consisting of a large heart containing in rebus: "Here's to you for a corking good time, one hard to match."

The message suggested the calling for an accounting of a pen and pencil given as prizes last year to Messrs. Houston and Johnson. These gentlemen who were stationed in different parts of the hall upon being called upon, at once entered into a rapid discussion with Mr. Pelham as to the whereabouts of those emblems of the club, and this "fake quarrel" was so well acted that as some of the guest began to think the controversy was leading to unpleasantness "Cupid" agreed to produce the emblems, and, shooting an arrow against a large American flag which hung against the wall, the same ran up, displaying representations of a fountain pen and also a pencil each about four feet long. At "Cupid's" command Mr. Pelham took from the pen a large roll of paper, much like unto a "dreadfully long speech."

Mr. Dancy who sat near by unwittingly said "Beg leave to print" and found to his surprise that the paper was a roll of valentines many of which will cause laughter for a month and be a good jest forever. The first one being directed at him and reading: "In what way do these emblems resemble you? Answer: They are both recorders of deeds." The next one was addressed to T. Thomas Fortune: "In what way does the Editor of the Age remind us of Douglass?" Mr Pelham answered as he pulled from the pen a miniture representation of the club's valentine, the large heart, "Because his heart is in his pen."

These bons mots at once put the gathering in a good humor and for fully half an hour the club and its guests were kept in roars of laughter and applause at the steady fire of apt conundrums, biting satire and keen witticisms that were hurled by Mr Pelham as from a gattling gun, striking in turn nearly every person present. Each being a valentine within itself was cut from the large roll and after being read aloud was presented by "Cupid" to its victim together with a miniture of the club's valentine, which bore

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upon its reverse side the following:

"Eat, Drink and be Merry"

Pen and Pencil Club
Feb. 14, 1902.

Fried Oysters
Rolls Sandwiches
Ice Cream Cake
Punch Cigars
"Smoke Up"

It is now a mooted question as to the best hit of the evening and THE BEE takes the pleasure in presenting the full list of valentines.

Mr. Pelham ended by reading a mild one on himself and was bowing his adieu when President Hershaw turned the laugh on him with the following:

"Oh Pelham! Oh Pelham! Come tell us the truth,
How far are you distant from the period of youth?
Are you fifty, or sixty or three score and ten,
Were you born in the fifties, if not so then, when?
The date matters not; this much we admit
When Nature made you 'twas not a misfit.
The Club and your friends regard you with pride,
May you live till this century ebbs to the low tide."

Gray Brothers having got their valen then served supper, after which a call was made for cigars and the Pen and Pencil were again brought into play. It being intimated that Mr. Pelham not being "a smoker" had forgotten to order the cigars, he was called upon to "make his peace" with the guests for his neglect. He seemingly tried to evade the issue but being pressed to "stick to the point" took from the wall the pencil and produced from ITS POINT a fine cigar, the Pen and Pencil both being filled with the seductive weeds, much to the delight of the guests and the club as well, but few of whom knew, in advance, of the trick.

This brought to a close the Douglass day exercises of the pen and Pencil Club, which organization has been voted one of worth and merit and entitled to a leading article, first page, top of column, next to reading matter—till forbid.

VALENTINES.

To Messrs. White and Pinchback: In what way do the emblems resemble our Ex-Governor and Ex-Congressman? Answer: They are a good pair to draw too.

To the Register of the Treasury: By what right do you put Lyons on our paper currency when the National emblem is the Eagle?

To C. F. Adams: The Appeal is made for you to enter the Field as a diplomat and welcome Prince Henry with a hearty "Hoch der Kaiser."

To Dr. J. R. Francis: What surgical operation does your Automobile suggest? Answer: The cutting of your horse.

To Grand Master Terrell: They say your appointment was a surprise and that you won in Secret Order. 'Twas not strange. How could you expect to B(ea)t a Washington—Lodge combination.

To H. E. Baker: What self evident fact does the membership list reveal to you now, that has long been *patent* to us all? Answer: That Baker is above Board.

To A. S. Gray: A. S it takes Gray matter to round facts and figures into statistics, you figure well wherever you go—like an acrobat you run up and down columns and like a carpenter you make good tables.

To Dr. A. M. Curtis: "Who shall decide when Doctors disagree?"

To W. Calvin C.: That was a great race, in fact we ne'er Will C. (a hotter) Chase.

Justice! Justice! the burden of your Song,
But 'twas not to Be (e).

To the Editor of the American: Since you're a Cooper, pray tell us what a man with a "Bar'l" could do with the Colored American—Don't all chime in—that's E. E., Eh!

To E. M. Hewlett: There were others who had set their H (e) art upon the bench. How could Hew—lett an "in" Justice beat E. M.?

To Chris J. Perry, Philadelphia: "Here's to you" and hoping that the Tribune will shine as does your beam ing coutenance and brilliant solitaire.

To Jos. H. Stewart: Your *deeds* being good, I understand you make *wills* according to the law and the profits.

To F. G. Manly and J. N. Goins: 'Tis said there has been strange Goin (g) s on at the club lately. To be Frank, the Record shows we're a little less Manly than before the picnic.

To our President: Mr. Hershaw we know you have had a hard time to get at the ker al in some of the nuts thrown at you as a presiding officer. But that's not because of your State of mind—but because you're not a Georgia cra:ker.

To Henry P. Slaughter.
Here's to Henry P.
From Kain tuck key
Who has our funds galore.
When hearts are trumps
He's in demand on every hand.
A printer he, of type bold faced,
He bears his honors well—and
They can't lead him like a lamb to Slaughter.

To D. B. McCarv.
'Blest paper credit! last and best supply!'
That lend the b'hoys lighter wings to fly!

To W. L. Houston.
With Dunbar gone
You try to run
The Governing Committee.
Just wait till May,
Election day
Your fate invites our pity.

To J. W. Cromwell.
Peoples Advocate. In what way are you endowed like a Congressman? Answer. You have recourse to the Record with leave to print.

To Dr. W. P. Napper.
I do declare it is a shame.
Your friends should all disown you;
To shoot your dog and then declare
She died of acute Pneumonia.

To J. H. Butcher. A Butcher in a printing office, seems a little out of place; but 'tis *meet* that you should be there. Men of your type can attend the case, press the button and make good impression. In fact for us you are a fat take, but

Sit where we put you
And don't you dare to go;
To-night you're our guest
And must do our behest
As we do yours in the G. P. O.

Dr. W. F. Lofton, Dentist. Your popularity is assured in Washington; being a man with a gr at pull.

To M. Grant Lucas. We saw the Searchlight out last week and we are sorry 'twere not issue of you born. With a Searchlight you ought to raise enough to keep it beaming bright we Grant you.

To our Recording Secretary. For fear some may fail to "pipe it off" we will say "Smoke up" has no reference to our "Cobb."

To Paul H. Bray, Secretary Pro tem.

We know you poured heart and soul,
Over a mass of paper rare and old
Said to contain some minutes;
But alas and alack, had to send the book back
Unable to see anything in it.
To a man up a tree
It looks to be a clear case of Per-Sim ons.

To Dr. F. J. S. To say a "Shadd caught on" 7th and Pomeroy was food for thought might be called a fish story. We are sure Dr. A. failed to

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EDWARD H. DEAS THE MAN.

Organizing Against Roosevelt Lilly Whites—No Cowards Needed—Booker T. Washington Cannot Control Negro Delegates.

Mr. Edward H. Deas, of Darlington S. C. Chairman of the South Carolina State Republican Committee appeared before the Senate Committee on Tuesday and made an argument against Mr. Roosevelt, lilly white nominee for collector of the port in South Carolina. Mr. Deas is opposed to the confirmation of the Southern lilly white. He left the city to day for the North, there he will go South organizing the negro for the purpose of electing delegates to the next National Republican Convention to vote for a republican President. Mr. Booker T. Washington will not be able to control one negro delegate to the next National Republican Convention. The choice of the party leaders is either Senator Hanna or Fairbanks. Both are good men and will be elected if either is nominated. The independent press of the country, among Afro-Americans will oppose Mr. Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington in any attempt to secure delegates.

IN THE FAR EAST.

A German tourist in Corea writes that the usual bill of fare consists of dog meat, rice and beans.

A Turk holds that the day begins exactly at sunset. At that time he sets his clocks and watches at the hour of 12.

Vladivostock, which 40 years ago consisted of four Chinese fishermen's huts, is now a flourishing city of 50,000 souls, and Khabarofsk and Blagovestchensk are not far behind in wealth and population.

Corea is believed to be rich in gold, but it all belongs to the king, who gets 25 per cent. of the gross earnings, and whose consent for mining undertakings is hard to get. Nevertheless about $2,500,000 of the metal was secured last year.

The Chinese have the idea that milk revives the youthful powers, and that it has special virtue as a winter food for old people. Pictures and characters illustrating this idea, as well as the value of it for baby food, would without doubt increase the sale of American milk in China, as one of the consuls suggests.

Arab music has been described as the singing of a prima donna who has ruptured her voice in trying to sing a duet with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there, and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at a time.

Never Satisfied.

Mrs. Homer (in need of a cook)—Have you a letter of recommendation from your last employer?

Applicant—No, ma'am.

"Why did you leave your last place?"

"Because the husband and wife were always quarreling."

"Indeed! And what were they always quarreling about?"

"About the way their meals were cooked."—Chicago Daily News.

Pointed Directions.

Merritt—A man shouldn't bother a woman by talking business.

Cora—That's right, dear. If you mean business, go talk to papa.—Smart Set.

IMPROVED SERVICE WEST—B. & O. R.R.

Under recent change of schedule, trains leaving Washington 6.20 p. m. (daily) arrives in Chicago in time to connect with "Crack" trains of Western roads, including "Overland Limited" and "California Limited," giving quick service to all Pacific Coast and intermediate points. Also splendid service and good connections to points east of Chicago.

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A VETRAN OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Shot three Times in the Line of Duty—He Believes in all Men Doing their Duty—Also one of the most Prominent Masonics in the United States

The United States may boast of men who have served in the late war of rebellion, but there is a man in the person of Richard D. Goodman who is entitled to as much respect and honor as any man that has fought for his country. Richard D. Goodman enlisted from Chemung county, state of New York, on the 8th day of April 1863, and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Neigs, Boston, State of Massachusetts on the 23rd day of April 1863 as a private of Company F. 54th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers Infantry, under Captain W. W. Bridge, later Captain C. F. Joy and Colonel Robert Gould Shaw to serve three years or during the war. The 54th Massachusetts was one of the first colored regiments organized in the United States and it contained some of the most influential and representative colored men in the United States. It was assigned to Strong's Brigade, Semour's Division, 10th Corps, army of the James. At Simon's Island he was detailed to and successfully burned some hay stacks and later participated in engagements at James Island S. C., (1863 and 1864) Fort Wagner July 18, 1863, afterward he was detailed to assist the 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, firing guns on Charleston, S. C., and building breastworks, the Regiment led the assult and he was wounded in the hip, thigh, shoulder and ankle by gunshot, and laid on battle field all night, in the morning he was taken to field hospital on Morris Island where he remained about three weeks, also engaged at Olustee, where he was twice wounded in the chest and once in another part of his body by sabre cuts, Battery Purvey ance, during the battle of Honey Hill he was working artillery firing on Secessionville to divert enemys attention. Boykin's Mill Charleston and Georgetown.

After the death of Col, Shaw who had been killed at Fort Wagner, he was detailed as guard at headquarters of Col. E M. Hollowell and also as messengers, and in charge of twenty men, He has held several positions of distinction and honor and he is not the man to lose his head while being thus honored. Mr. Goodman is self educated having been driven from the schools at the age of 7 years on account of his color. He is Brigidier General of the W. of V. and W. District Grand Master of the Masonic Order. Mr. Goodman is unassuming, polite in his manners, but a positive character. He is as gentle as a lamb if you treat him as a man, but a lion if he is disturbed. There is no man in the Grand Army of the Republic more respected than Mr. Goodman. There is no man more influential. He succeeds when other men fail. He has been a brave soldier which is evidenced by the close range of the sabre cut. This government owes him a debt of gratitude and to day while thousands of Americans are enjoying the fruits of victory caused by the late Civil War, thousands of black men and women are not permitted to breathe the air of freedom. The country that Mr. Goodman fought to maintain gives him no protection to day. His people are suffering while he bears the scars that the rebels gave him and who to day are enjoying peace, prosperity and happiness.

Mr, Goodman is at present employed in the Government Printing Office under Mr. W. H. Tysley of Massachusetts, Chief Electrician, who invented one of the finest switch boards in the United States or probably in the world. Mr. Tysley is a man of brains, kind hearted and appreciated by all who know him.

Two Survivors of 1800.

Claremont, N. H., has two citizens born early in the year 1800, and who will soon celebrate the one hundred and second anniversary of their birth. Both are comparatively active men, and one continues to enjoy skating. They have the appearance of men of 75 or 80. At the age of 62 one enlisted in a New Hampshire regiment and served three years.

Governed by Trades Unions.

Ansonia, Conn., a thriving manufacturing town, is governed in every department by officials belonging to trades unions. The mayor is a working carpenter. Official meetings are held at night and no one is at the city hall during the day, except the janitor.

Increase in Railway Mileage.

The average increase in the length of railways throughout the world is about 11,000 miles per annum, equal to nearly 2½ per cent. of the total lines existing, which at the beginning of this century embraced nearly 480,000 miles. Of the increase during recent years 4,100 miles per annum are added to the European system, 3,500 miles per annum to the American system, while the addition in Asia is at the rate of 2,250 miles, in Africa 1,100 miles, and in Australia 160 miles per annum.

They Say.

There are some timid politicians in town.

One by one roses fall and fade.

How do you like the wizzard of Tuskeegee?

There are some dinners that do you great harm.

Executive dinners are too much for negroes.

Colored men are easily satisfied.

Do your duty and say nothing.

The negroes should not be afraid to speak their honest sentiments.

There are things seen and heard.

Great men and great deeds are seldom seen.

Colored men are afraid to speak now.

Where can you find an unself h negro representative.

This is what the people think.

The negro politician is a coward.

Senator Fairbanks will be the next presidential nominee.

Woodruff will run with him.

You cannot make great men out of small men.

Successful men never desert their friends.

Honest men will not do dishonest deeds.

The Police Department is alright.

Major Sylvester doesn't discriminate.

He has as much respect tor a poor man as he does for a rich man.

He does his duty no matter what people may say of him.

The republican party is not the party of Grant, Sumner, Bruce and Douglass.

Slowly but surely the colored southern politician is passing by.

He is no longer the dictor of his own destiny.

This is what you should say.

I am a man, a citizen and no trimmer.

Never become actuated by prejudice.

Read THE BEE, if you want a fearless advocate.

Some colored men will run from you when you defend them.

Why doesn't attorney Shoemaker tell at whom he is aiming shots?

District attorney Pugh does his duty.

The noble man, the good man the truthful man will be respected.

Senator Gorman won his fight

Watch his presidential boom.

Defend your rights at any cost.

Let us have suffrage in the District of Columbia.

There is to be a new Excise Board.

Speak gently to your friends.

Your friends are the persons in whom you may confide.

Don't tell them anything that will incriminate you.

It is safe to keep your own secrets.

Read THE BEE if you don't think o.

Great things are done by small men some times.

It is generally an accident however.

The acts of a hypocrit are too glaring sometimes

You can never satisfy some people.

If you hav a good friend keep him.

Be careful and don't allow your enemies to betray you.

Good Country for Women.

In a mining center some 80 miles from Coolgardie, in western Australia, a carpenter died and his widow had offers of marriage from the doctor who attended the deceased, the undertaker, the clergyman who read the burial service, the local apothecary who made up the medicines prescribed for the departed, and the custodian of the cemetery where he was interred [illegible]

Biggest Tree in the World.

The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Mascali, near the foot of Mount Etna. Its trunk is 304 feet in circumference. The largest tree in the United States is said to be the gigantic tree near Bear creek, on the north fork of the Tule river, in California. It measures 140 feet in circumference. The famous giant redwood tree in Nevada is 119 feet in circumfarence.

LIMIT OF BRAVERY.

Woman, Courageous in Most Things, Quailed at Sight of a Man Under a Bed.

In a thriving town in Mississippi lives an old maid who is looked upon by her neighbors as a veritable fire-eater. Some say she is absolutely without the feeling of fear under any circumstances. Stories of her exploits and her daring are a part of the community history, and are frequently repeated to the timid with the hope of stimulating their courage and to negative the idea of becoming frightened at the mere hobgobblins of life. She is an aunt to two girls and they look upon her as the incarnation of fire-eating fearlessness. They had retired to their room one night a few weeks ago

SHE FORGOT HER NERVE.

and were fixing to go to bed. Suddenly they discovered in some way that there was a man in the room. He was under the bed, too. They jumped into bed, and quickly decided that they would call to their old maid aunt, who was in the next room. One of them called out to her that the other had been taken suddenly sick and needed medicine at once.

The aunt rushed into the room. She had scarcely closed the door when one of the frightened girls cried out to her that there was a man under the bed. She forgot her nerve and simply flew over into the center of the bed, and seemed to be as badly frightened as the girls. No doubt she was. She was game enough, ordinarily, but when it came to the man under the bed, that creature who is universally dreaded by women, well, this was one thing even the game and good aunt could not face. The miscreant finally left his hiding place and fled. The moral of this yarn is that there is limit to the bravery of even the most daring of old maids, and the same is reached when a man hideth under the bed.

NO TROUBLE TO WEEP.

Scotch Photographer Is Visited by a Customer Who Had Tears Constantly on Tap.

The Edinburgh Scotsman tells the following funny incident in the life of a photographer. A man came in the other day and looked over all the samples, asking the price of each.

"Do you want a sitting?" I asked.

"I don't see nothin' like what I want," he replied.

"I told him if he would indicate what he wanted that I might arrange it.

"I don't know as you can," he said,

"I CAN WEEP ANYWHERE."

"for I don't see nothin' at all like what I want."

I repeated what I had already said. He asked me to sit while he told me.

"You see, it's like this," he began. "I had a girl that I loved, and we was going to git married. She had her things made up and we was all but ready when she was taken ill and died. And what I wanted was a picture of me sittin' on her grave weepin'."

I was touched at the homely story of grief, and told him I could send a man with him to the grave and have the picture taken as he desired.

"It's some distance," he said. "It's over in Ireland. I expect it 'ud cost a lot to send over your traps for what I want!"

I said it would.

"I thought," he answered, "that mebbe you could rig up a grave here in your shop and I would weep on it, and it would do just as well. It's no trouble for me to weep anywhere."

Polecat in a Reservoir.

A polecat wandered into the reservoir at Winchester, Va., through an overflow pipe, and in a short time the water became so tainted that the entire supply had to be drawn off.

To Travel Among the Indians.

Dr. A. Hudlieks has just started on his fourth expedition among the Indians of southwestern United States and northern Mexico to continue his anthropological explorations.

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Rice is more than six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds, but Billy is usually

DROVE PATRICK OUT.

on hand to protect him if necessary, following him about the city streets—and even going along in the wagon, when his master visits his farm near Fairview cemetery, a mile from home. Billy will never allow any one to even take hold of his master's coat or make any motion he considers threatening.

Billy sleeps on the back steps of the house in summer and not only gives warning when tramps come into the yard, but attacks all trespassers on his master's estate. He knows the letter carrier, the milkman and the iceman, and even lets the garbage man come into the yard. He is easily the boss of the yard.

Rice attributes Billy's superior intelligence to the long talks they have had together. Billy squawks an answer to all questions Rice asks him concerning the property. A year ago, when Rice was sick for several weeks, he used to talk to the bird by the hour, and since then Rice has said that he will never kill Billy, but will let him die a natural death.

Billy raps on the door in the morning until his master comes downstairs, so Rice can dispense with the service of an alarm clock.

MISS ROSE WEAKENED.

Could Not Carry Out the Matrimonial Joke Planned by Andrew Park, Her Fiance.

Miss Alice Rose, of Sedalia, O., was one of the guests at a maquerade party given on New Year's night at Tonawanda, Pa. Among the men in costume at that time was Andrew Park and in the evening he danced with Miss Rose. He became impressed with the fact that his fair unknown was his fiancee. He accused her of being the girl who had promised to become his bride and when she denied it pressed his suit the harder and finally proposed that they go before a minister and be married before they unmasked.

In a spirit of daring she accepted the challenge, relying upon the fact that he had not obtained the license which was necessary, as Tonawanda is across

PRESSED HIS SUIT WHILE DANCING.

the line in Pennsylvania. She accompanied him as far as the parsonage, then her courage began to fail. When in response to his summons the minister appeared at the door and she falteringly responded with: "But you haven't a license." "O, yes," replied Park, pulling it from his pocket. "I got that yesterday."

With a scream Miss Rose swooned at the feet of the minister. It was only for an instant, however, for as they raised her to her feet she recovered, and, springing from the arms of Park, dashed into the darkness before her mask could be removed.

Lake Created by Beavers.

The beavers are busy on the Aroostook river, near Caribou, Me. They have built a dam of logs and mud 250 feet long, turning the river back upon the lowlands for a distance of three miles, and thus creating a great lake. Trees a foot in diameter have been cut down by the beavers, the branches trimmed off, and the trunks in some mysterious manner brought to the dam and submerged.

"GET OUT OF HERE!"

Parrot's Cry Scares Burglar Away from a Girl's School.

Watchfulness of Old Bird Prevented the Theft of Much Valuable Property—How Polly Gave the Alarm.

Not far from this city, out in Connecticut, says the New York Sun, is a girl's boarding school which includes a number of small cottages used by the teachers and older pupils as dormitories. In one of these is kept a parrot, the mascot and private property of the senior class.

Pully is a very old bird. In fact, he is almost as old as the seminary itself, and many are the classes, long since graduated, whose cheer Pully has learned and can recite to this day.

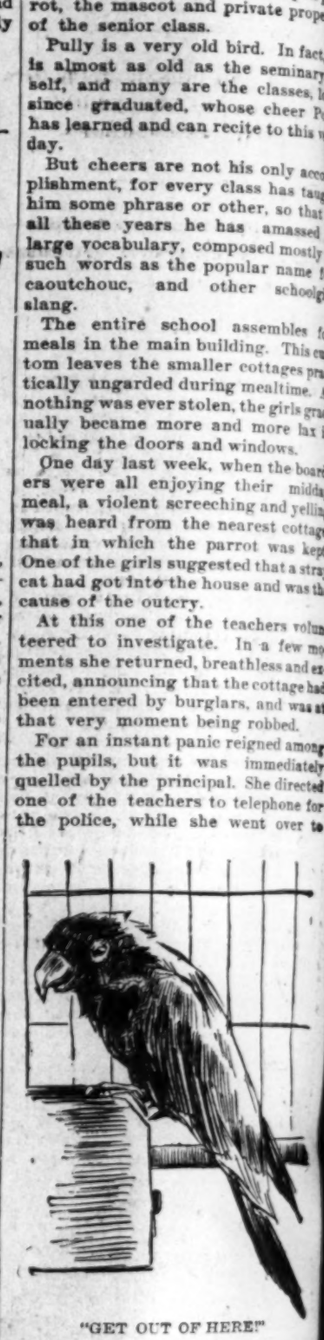
But cheers are not his only accomplishment, for every class has taught him some phrase or other, so that in all these years he has amassed a large vocabulary, composed mostly of such words as the popular name for caoutchouc, and other schoolgirl slang.

The entire school assembles for meals in the main building. This custom leaves the smaller cottages practically ungarded during mealtime. As nothing was ever stolen, the girls gradually became more and more lax in locking the doors and windows.

One day last week, when the boarders were all enjoying their midday meal, a violent screeching and yelling was heard from the nearest cottage, that in which the parrot was kept. One of the girls suggested that a stray cat had got into the house and was the cause of the outcry.

At this one of the teachers volunteered to investigate. In a few moments she returned, breathless and excited, announcing that the cottage had been entered by burglars, and was at that very moment being robbed.

For an instant panic reigned among the pupils, but it was immediately quelled by the principal. She directed one of the teachers to telephone for the police, while she went over to



"GET OUT OF HERE!"

the cottage with James, the gardener.

On arriving at the scene they found the building had indeed been entered. Almost all the rooms showed signs of a robber. The bureau drawers had been rifled and things strewn about.

In the next to the last room on the second floor was found a large bag, packed with all sorts of valuable trinkets, and other articles were lying about the floor, as if the intruder, whoever he was, had beat a hasty retreat. The cause of this precipitate flight was soon made manifest by the sudden outcry of the parrot in the next room.

"Get out of here! Get out of here!" screamed the bird.

Polly was discovered in an exceedingly ruffled state, and his loud "Get out of here!" had evidently done the work.

Outside the building was a ladder leaning against one of the back windows. The burglar had entered and gone through all the rooms, taking whatever he could from each one, till the next to the last was reached.

At this point, it is supposed, Polly heard the strange footsteps, for he was well acquainted with the step of everyone who lived in the building, and cried out in alarm, and by some happy chance happened to strike upon the phrase: "Get out of here!"

The bird's voice was very human, and even the inmates of the cottage had often mistaken it for that of a human being. Therefore it is not to be wondered that a burglar had been misled by the voice and fled.

On summing up the loss, it was found that only a few dollars' worth of trinkets were missing, and that the bird had been the means of preventing the theft of perhaps many hundreds of dollars' worth of jewelry.

Again the Boy Terrible.

A Philadelphia young man, of whom this story is told, has the trick, or habit, of saying: "Since you press me." On being offered a cigar he answers, smilingly: "Well, since you press me, I will, thanks." And to an invitation to luncheon, to the theater or to drink his answer is always the same: "Since you press me, I believe I will." It happens that he is engaged to be married and that his fiancee has a little brother. This lad has heard often and with much wonderment the phrase, "Since you press me," used on all sorts of occasions, and the other night, at a dinner party in his house, when, unfortunately, there were some strangers present, he pointed his knife at the young man and said, in his loud, childish treble to his father: "Papa, why does Mr. Blank always saying to sister, 'Since you squeeze me?'"

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From an ornithological as well as a patriotic standpoint, Dewey is a name to conjure with.

The parrot who watched the admiral's courtship and who, having learned to greet the distinguished suitor, achieved amazing conversational fluency, has already been written of. But this parrot has now a rival in the shape of a Philadelphia canary who is a namesake of the admiral and a credit to the name.

This accomplished bird, says the New York World, belongs to Mrs. William Lacey, of No. 2134 Master street, Philadelphia. He is a native of the Hartz mountains, and is now nearly 11 years old. Not until about three years ago did he manifest his unusual power, although he has always been considered remarkable on account of the extraordinary volume and sweetness of his voice.

He had been called George, but when Admiral Dewey's name became a household word the famous surname was added, at first half in jest. But Dewey is a name much loved in the Lacey household, and so eventually the name George was dropped and the bird became known as Dewey.

So it happened one morning, as his young mistress stood in front of his cage petting and talking to him, she laughingly called him several times by name, saying: "Dewey, Dewey, Dewey."

To her great surprise, Dewey put his little head on one side and repeated the words after her quite as plainly as she herself had uttered them.

Since then Dewey has acquired several other easy words and with them a remarkable degree of intelligence. His mistress will come into the room with

THE TALKING CANARY.
(His Mastery of Language Is Causing Considerable Wonder.)

the question: "Where is Dewey, dear?" And, with the playfulness of a child, the bird will answer: "Here's Dewey, dear," following with such a burst of canary melody as will cause a stranger to stand spellbound with enjoyment.

There is nothing remarkable in the appearance of this little songster except that when he is talking or singing he shows a very unusual throat development.

The muscles of his throat will enlarge until they stand out on each side, forming globules almost as large as a small hickory nut, and then they will contract until his throat seems very much smaller than that of an ordinary bird.

When Dewey is at rest, however, there is still an unusual amount of fullness around his throat.

In everything else Dewey is just an ordinary canary bird, with all the willfulness in taking his bath and scattering his seed that other birds show.

Inasmuch as the newest Dewey is a canary, his mastery of language must be considered more remarkable than that of the justly renowned Loretto, who, while Mrs. George Dewey was still Mrs. Mildred McLean, made matters so interesting in the McLean household.

Loretto is a very handsome Mexican bird, with brilliant green and yellow plumage, red bill and shining black eyes. It may be easily imagined that at one period Loretto heard a great deal about Admiral Dewey, and she was not slow about applying it. No sooner would the admiral enter the house than a mocking voice would call out:

"'Rah for Dewey! Ha! Ha! Ha!"

This greeting never varied. Loretto learned to recognize the admiral by his step as well as his voice, and each time would shriek out the welcome that was no doubt intended to be cordial.

Loretto has also a fine sense of humor and greatly enjoys a pun, which cannot be said of many parrots. For instance, she would inquire, solemnly:

"Dewey (do we) swear?"

"Well, what's the answer?" the visitor would ask her.

"Yes, by George! Ha! ha! ha!" and Loretto would shriek with delight.

At this period Loretto became quite inured to newspaper prominence, and when the door bell would ring she would look wise and remark:

"Bet that's another reporter!"

"Don't you like reporters, Dewey?"

"'Rah for Dewey! Ha! Ha! Ha!"

Loretto is now a member of the Dewey household.

Portrait of Mr. Arnold.

A portrait of the wife and child of Benedict Arnold has just been hung in the rooms of the Pennsylvania Historical society. Mrs. Arnold followed her husband to England, and her son —the one shown in the picture—became a lieutenant general. Four of her descendants are in the British army.

QUEEN OF PORTUGAL.

Now in Her Thirty-Sixth Year and One of the Most Beautiful Sovereigns in Europe.

Queen Amelie, who is 36 years old, is regarded as one of the most beautiful queens in Eprope. She was born at Twickenham during the exile of her parents, the Comte and Comtesse de Paris, and she married at Lisbon, May 22, 1886, the then prince royal, duke of Braganza. She is an exceedingly gifted and clever woman and is the only princess in Europe who has taken the degree of M. D.

She has also another rare honor, that of being a dame of the golden rose, the mystic papal order, now possessed by only one or two other princesses in Europe. Her sisters are the lovely Duchess d'Oosta, Duchess de Guise and Princess Louise of Orleans, yet unmarried. Her brothers are the dukes of Orleans and Montpensier, and it is said that the reconciliation which has taken place between the former and King Edward anent the duke's indiscreet utterances about the disgraceful caricatures of Queen Victoria was due to the tactful intercession of Queen Amelie, who, like her consort, is on terms of the most intimate friendship with his majesty and Queen Alexandra.

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The queen has two sons, the duke of Braganza, nearly 14 years old, and the duke of Beja, who is 12 years of age. The one is destined for the army and the other for the navy, the latter being also the profession of the father, who is, like King Edward, passionately fond of the sea. King Carlos, by the way, is related to the English royal family, his grandfather being Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, cousin of the late prince consort. Curiously enough his birthday falls on the same day as that of his wife.

NAPOLEON'S WAR HAT.

It Is Still in Existence and Now Belongs to M. Gerome, of the French Institute.

Countless pictures of Napoleon as he appeared at the battle of Waterloo have been published and in all he is represented as wearing a hat similar in many respects to the one shown in the accompanying picture.

Many of these pictures of the hat, however, differ from each other in minor details, and it is evident that

NAPOLEON'S FAVORITE HAT.
(Authentic Picture of the Great Corsican's Headgear.)

the artists had not an opportunity of examining the hat closely before they drew it. For this reason this authentic picture will be welcomed by all students of modern history, as well as by all admirers of the great emperor.

The hat now belongs to M. Gerome, of the French institute.

Napoleon once grew tired of this hat and decided to wear a more warlike headgear. Consequently a splendid helmet was fashioned for him, and with the gorgeous cuirass. The helmet was studded with diamonds and emeralds, and Napoleon was delighted with it, but after wearing it an hour or two he cast it aside and never again put it on.

Poisoned to Save Expense.

A Chinese boy was brought into the Peking hospital terribly injured by a heavy log falling upon him. The doctors, to save his life, cut off his leg. The mother came, apparently to help nurse the lad. The patient, however, almost immediately afterwards died, and expert examination showed that his mother had given him arsenic. Her reason, it is supposed, was to prevent her son from the disgrace of reaching the next world in a maimed condition. This is a strong point with the Chinese, who always pickle an amputated member to have it buried with them when they eventually die. In this instance, the family being poor and a whole leg being difficult to pickle, the simpler course was taken of poisoning the boy, so that he and his leg might go together.

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Meddling Again.

Booker T. Washington put himself in the District Justiceship fight and went so far as to suggest to Mr, Roosevelt the appoint ment of an upstart for the office of Recorder of Deeds. He has now suggested the appointment of editor Fortune for the Haytian Miss on. This is about the only good thing he has done since he has entered politics. The entire negro press would be g'ad to see editor Fortune sent to Hayti. He would make a good diplomat. The Bee doesn't think that a big office like the Haytian mission would cause editor Fortune to loose his head as quickly as Prof. Washington lost his when Mr. Roosevelt invited him to the political negro decapitation dinner. If Prof. Washington eats many more dinners with Mr. Roosevelt, there will not be enough negro office holders in the South, left to occupy a space 4 by 6. The country has enough of Mr. Roosevelt as well as Mr. Washington.

Register J. W. Lyons.

If the administration wants a negro advisor, one who is honest and safe, not vindicatvie, prejudiced, neither a soycophant, The Bee would suggest Register J. W. Lyons. Mr. Lyons is a negro, but an honest negro, who is too mueh of a man to betray his race, neither will he misrepresent his enemies in their absence. Register Lyons, belongs to the Southern school of politicians, who, believes in building up his people as well as his friends.

J. W. LYONS.

He talks about no man neither is he jealous of any man. Some Presidents would rather have the advice of dangerous hyproerites than the counsel of honest men, Register Lyons is a safe man, who has not allowed his position to cause him to fill his skull with wet sponge instead of brains, The country knows Mr. Lyons and the negro has faith in him. This compliment is due an honest man.

District Suffrage.

A Republican Congress deprived the District of Columbia of the right of suffrage because there w re so many colored people here The democrats are only following the example of the republicans. In the District of Columbia we have a population of over two hundred and fifty thousand people, who are governed by three men. They are taxed without their consent and are not allowed to say who shall govern them.

The republicans in this city, a the time the right of suffrage was taken from the District, were more in favor of negro disfranchisement than the democrats were. The democrats in this city, are more favorable to the restoration of the suffrage than republicans are. We should have a say in the conduct of this government. An outsider has more to say who shall govern us than the citizens who pay taxes to support our government.

In his skilful manipulation of letters, words and phrases at the Pen and Pencil club, celebration last week, Mr. Pellman could to good advantage, so it is said, have word painted a sign that would have shown certain gentlemen the significence of the letters "R. F. V. P."

It's funny how things strike one. Besides the jokes at the Pen and Pencil club celebration they now say the joke is on several who stayed away thinking that ther was going to be a personal tax levied.

ANOTHER NEGRO TOWN

Now Established in Alabama Making the Third in the State.

From the Kentucky Reporter.

Another all-negro town has been established in Alabama making the third in the State. The latest is Booker City. The town is located on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham branch of the Frisco system, about ten miles from Birmingham. It contains 410 acres and thirty acres of this has been secured by the Southern Colored Methodist Episcopal church as a site for an institution for the higher education of the race, which is soon to be established. The site was visited last week by the delegates to the College of Bishops, which met in Birmingham. The work of raising funds for the institution is now in progress, and $1,000 has been subscribed.

The first Negro town in Alabama to be established was Hobson City, which has been in existence some time, and is populated and officered exclusively by Negroes. The second was Douglass, suburb of Pratt City, and this town elected a full set of Negro officials last Saturday.

Another Fake Call.

From the American Herald.

As another proof of Booker T. Washington's pull with the colored people of America it may be stated that his big business men's convention at Chicago some months ago had just sixty delegates in attendance, notwithstanding the false and erroneous statement sanctioned by "Moses" that there were 1500 such delegates.

There is still another scheme to help the railroads on foot and we opine that every Negro teacher in the United States will be there. Nit.

DOUGLASS DAY CELEBRATED.

(Continued from page 1.)

diagnose the case properly and having "dropped a line" to his proffessor has been cured of a simple case of "Lapsus linguae."

To Dr. S. A. Ward, "Coming up"
Oh! Doctor Ward, don't think it hard,
If this provokes some laughter
You don't want to go, in the back row
But as a second tenor you have to.

To Henry Lacy, Detective. Ground Hog (Dorsey Foultz) was out last week but saw his 'shadow" (Lacy) and Lacy went back to Weed (on). May his shadow never grow less.

To our Brooks and Rivers, Most grave and reverened signiors: There is a couplet which runs: "As brooks makes rivers, rivers run to seas" and to see you all have come.

The "Ohio Idea" gave us Green, Brown, Blackburn and many other of divers colors. Here's hoping "The New York notion" will add White notwithstanding he was born Brown.

To Harry Smith, Cleveland: In what way does "friend Clifford" remind you of the confirmed tourist? Answer: He knows the route and has just landed in a new place.

To J. B. Clark: When in doubt win the trick.

To Prof. Geo. W. Cook. "Vive" For charitys sake "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

To A. U. Craig, Electrician. You may make ligat of it, but our population is going up on 6th street, with more to follow.

To A. F. Hillyer, John H. Paynter and others. Oh! Pshaw! What a snap to work in a department that has lost its Gage.

To Willis A Madden. W. M. Pollard Jere Brown, Harry B Renfro and others, You may not have to work so hard since the Pressman's gone, but how does it feelto have to work under Payne?

To T. J. C. Calloway! Calloway!
Why do you say
The Negro oughten to vote?
You'd give him a hoe
Or tell him to go
The wood and water to tote.

To William Jenifer, of Texas. Those bills, your own "Goose neck Bill" and the "Census" are enough to cause any Green man to worry, but since you are a Bill yourself we trust you've been O. K'd.

To F. M. Sims, A glance is enough to show that notwithstanding you're snort handed, you stand high in the club as well as the department.

To Mr. Daniel Murry. We understand Capital is made of the fact that like one of the ancestors of your children. you're a good conductor of an underground system.

To J C. Campbell. "Better late than never" but "Remember Lot's wife". Don't rubber"

To F. D. McCracken, New Member, St Paul. The right hand of fellowship to the warm member.

To W. B. Hayson. "A man will turn over half a library to make one book" Keep your eye on the borrower, better say 'tis lent.

To W. Stanton Wormley. "A careless song, with a little nonsense in it now and then does not disbecome a Monarch."

To W. T. Menard. You have Aged some since we saw you last attend the meetings. "Tis better to wear out than to rust out."

To Prof. W. H. Richards. Your presence here to night is the best evidence of your appreciation of our personal worth.

Prof. John T. Layton. "Some to church repair, not for the doctrine but for the musing there" the chior being a sort of Latent force.

To L. G. Gregory. Howard Law Library. How does it feel to be always up against the Law?

To W. T. Ferguson. There are some acts, we seldom or ever want to see. The Census Axe for Instance. How does it strike you?

To Samuel E. Lacy, a chip of the old block. Why is your father counted a High Churchman? A. Because he believes in the laying on of hands, open confession and wages a relentless war against evil doers.

To R. W. Thompson. "Richard's himself again," on the Colored American and the con Census of opinion is, he is the right man in the right place.

To Prof. W. S. Montgomery.
"Tis education forms the common mind
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

To the Messrs Douglass "One of the few immortal names, there were not born to die."

To John H. Wills
"Books cannot always please however good,
Minds are not ever craving for their food."

To Lloyd Wheeler, Chicago. "Cassius hath a lean and hungry look."

To T. A. J. He of the song. If our Tom Johnson should beat a Hannah, mark you! Surely "darkness would cover the earth."

To Philip H. Butler,
Philip, great race defender,
A wrong 'twould his wrath engender,
And he'd proceed to rail.
He's now a bridge of sighs
Into the South they changed his route
He's closed his mouth and now stands mute.

To Master Fred Pelham,
"Cupid" to those about him.
Here's a smile for those that love me
I hope there is none that hate
And whatever sky's above me
Here's a heart for every fate.

To every one present. The greatest happiness to the greatest number.

To our absent members. Lost to sight but memory dear.

To R. P. Jr. Enough may be as good as a feast, but tonight ne'er believe it, they've had enough of you at least, so don't com-Pelham to listen longer, but to eat drink and be merry.

To Gray Brothers, Our Caterers.
You may live without music
You may live without books
But civilized man
Cannot live without cooks.

Let the feast be spread.

GERMAN INTERESTS.

German companies now have six steamers plying regularly on the river Yangtse between Shanghai and Hankow.

The German peasantry have a curious instrument called the nagelgeige or nail violin. It is a circular frame of wood in which are set 60 or 70 iron pins, played with a bow.

The custom of writing foolish begging letters to the emperor has become so prevalent in German schools that a warning has been sent out that it must stop or fines will be inflicted.

The authorities of Aix-la-Chapelle recently sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment a man who carelessly threw away a lighted match in a forest near that city, although no damage was caused by the act.

It is the practice in Berlin when any poor person dies and leaves no heir to have the bed disinfected and stamped by the official stamp of the town council. In this way a large number of beds are collected, and are then lent to the very poor.

OBSERVATIONS FROM LIFE.

Statistics sometimes prove that liars can figure.

A budding genius is all right until he begins to blow.

Her father's boot frequently makes an unfavorable impression.

Too much of the noise in this world tries to pass itself off as music.

It is better to be wrong at the right time than right at the wrong time.

The more a woman argues the more she is unable to convince herself.

Some dancing, instead of being the poetry of motion, is mere doggerel.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, but the cost of repairs is extra.

Young men think themselves wise and drunken men think themselves sober.

The man who knows it all is a fit companion for the woman who knows nothing.

Any man can think as he likes, but it isn't always policy to put his thoughts into words.—Chicago Daily News.

Getting Rid of Them.

Mrs. Stubb—John, the ashman refuses to take these old shoes. How can we ever get rid of them?

Mr. Stubb—Don't be uneasy, Maria. There is going to be a couple married in the next house to-morrow and we can throw the old shoes after their back.—Chicago Daily News.

Longest and Widest States.

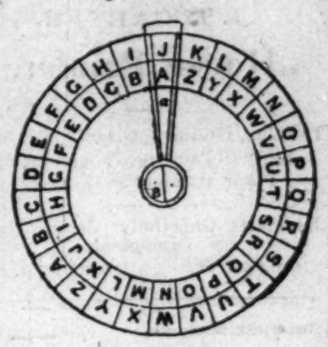
The longest state is California (770 miles), the widest Texas (760).

DISPATCHES IN CIPHER.

How Army Messages Are Sent from One Corps to Another and to the War Office.

When sending messages in the army it is necessary to use a cipher, so that unauthorized persons cannot read them. A keyword and letter is agreed upon by the several generals, and anyone ignorant of these two things is unable to read the message. The instrument used, which we illustrate, is called the "cipher wheel." It consists of au outer circle, round which the usual letters of the alphabet are placed in the usual order, and an inner circle, having the letters in the reversed order.

The disc upon which the latter are inscribed is pivoted at its center; the



THE CIPHER EXPLAINED.
(Diagram Showing How the Cryptogram Is Obtained.)

arm A is fixed to this disc at any letter chosen by the generals arbitrarily, say A. This disc is turned round by working the millhead B.

In the cipher wheel the letters of the keyword and those of the true message are taken from the outer ring, the letters of the cipher message being read in the inner ring.

Take the famous message sent by Sir Redvers Buller to Sir George White at Ladysmith. Suppose that the keyword is "March," and that Sir Redvers said: "I have been repulsed," which it now appears were not his words. First write the words of the true message, next the keyword, repeated as often as required, as below:

IHAVEBEENREPULSED.—Text.
MARCHMARCHMARCHMA. — Keyword.

ETRHDLWNPQILXRPIX. — Cipher.

The cryptogram is obtained in this way: Set the arm of the cipher wheel at A in the inner wheel and at the first letter of the keyword in the outer wheel. Take out at once for the whole message the cipher letter of the inner wheel corresponding to the true letters on the outer wheel which appear above the first letter of the keyword whenever it occurs.

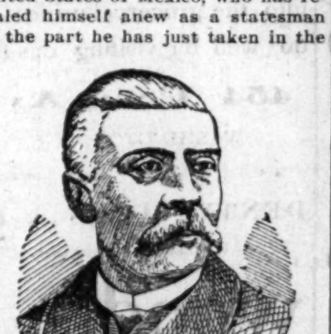
For instance, the first letter of the keyword is M. Above all the M's will be the letters I B E E W U U M, and it will be found that by setting the arm at A in the inner wheel the corresponding letters on the outer wheel will be E L I I Q S S F. Then, by turning the outer ring to A (the second letter of the keyword), another set of cipher letters are obtained.

Continue the same with all the letters of the keyword, and the cipher as in the third line will be obtained. Thus no person could decipher any message unless in possession of the keyword.

ARCHITECT OF MEXICO.

As Such President Porfirio Diaz Is Revered by His Own People and in Other Lands.

President Porfirio Diaz, of the United States of Mexico, who has revealed himself anew as a statesman by the part he has just taken in the



GEN. PORFIRIO DIAZ.
(The Astute President of the United States of Mexico.)

Chilian peace compromise, is now in his seventy-third year, but is said to be possessed of a vigor and agility comparable with those of a man half his years. In the Pan-American congress, which has just happily compromised the Chilian objection to arbitration, the influence of President Diaz has been powerful and fruitful. In all his strenuous labors with the Chilian delegates he has been as one with the delegates from the United States. Although primarily the soldier and the man of camp and field, President Diaz has shown himself practically the very architect of Mexico's greatness as a nation, and while he is feared by the Mexicans, he is loved by them likewise. His is the most stable of the Latin republics. For nearly 25 years he has ably and wisely guided the fortunes of his country, and his recent high endeavor for permanent peace in South and Central America are a notable testimonial to his sagacity and the soundness of his policies in general.

Living McKinley Monuments.

Col. S. A. Houston, of Lawrence, Kan., has secured half a bushel of acorns from the McKinley farm in Ohio. His idea is to give them to people who will plant them and grow living monuments to the martyred president.

A HUNTING TRAGEDY

Boy Shot the Father He Adored Instead of Deer.

Fatal Mistake of Roy De Haas While Pursuing Big Game Out of Season—Now His Mind May Give Way.

The saddest boy in all Pennsylvania, and the boy most to be pitied, is 13-year-old Roy De Haas, of Two Mile Run, who a few weeks ago shot his father in mistake for a deer. His five-hour vigil over his dying parent in a deep woods five miles from any human habitation, his grief at the awful deed he had committed, and his exposure that bitter cold day have turned the lad from a cheerful, healthy youth, to a creature with sunken eyes and cheeks.

The boy has told the story of the shooting over and over. It appears to relieve his mind to tell the tale to new listeners. He was anxious that day to shoot the buck which he and his father knew had its browsing grounds along Two Mile run, and when they ran on to "signs" of the game his father told him that he might stand on watch while he himself would take the trail and drive the deer out of cover. Stationing himself on a stump, the boy, gun in hand, waited nervously and excitedly for the first glimpse of the deer. A half hour passed, and then he heard a twig break in the laurel just beyond, less than a rod away. An instant later he saw something gray shaking about in the bushes. He waited no longer. He pulled his gun to his shoulder and fired. The instant his finger pressed the trigger the object in the bushes came into better view, and he was horrified to see the face of his father. But it was only for one instant, for at the crack of the gun the heavy charge of buckshot intended for the deer had sped across the open, and Joseph De Haas sank to the ground. When Roy reached him where he lay the blood was oozing from a wound

"ROY, YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE!"

in the side of his head, near the ear, and another of the shots had gone through his body above the left breast. All he could say was: "Roy, you've made a mistake."

The boy, beside himself with excitement and grief, began shouting for help; the only answer to his cries were the echoes that were flung back at him from out the deep hemlock wood close by. The shooting occurred shortly after 12 o'clock, and it was five o'clock that evening before Edward Summerson and Albert Calhoun, two men who had been trailing bear up at the headwaters of the creek, heard the lad's hoarse cries for help. They fired an answering shot, and in a moment two shots came in reply, the boy firing the shots from his father's Winchester rifle. Then when the men came nearer, and could understand the boy's words, they were startled at the message: "I've shot my father, and he is dying!" They found the lad bareheaded, without a coat, and divested of his mittens. All these he had used to make a pillow for his father. The latter was yet breathing, but in less than an hour after the men arrived the vital spark had fled.

And Roy was a pitiable object. He was half dead from exposure, and the men feared that he, too, would be a corpse before they could get him to shelter. He had tried to make a fire that he might prolong the life of his father. He had but three matches, and all these were extinguished by the wind before the kindling he whittled was ignited. It was then that he forced his mittens over his dying father's stiffening fingers. He climbed a tree that his shouts might penetrate the deeper into the forest. Then he discovered that by lifting his father's head the blood did not flow so fast, and for an hour or more he sat there weeping and gazing into his parent's face, the while holding his head upon his knee.

When the men came back and built a fire the boy stood over it half dazed from cold and grief and for awhile the men looked at him and thought that he had gone stark mad. He talked so queerly. But at last he was able to help at building a stretcher of poles upon which his father's corpse could be carried through the woods, and when in the darkness the sad little procession started out of the forest Roy walked ahead carrying a huge torch of pine in one hand and the four guns of the party under the other arm.

All these scenes that go to make up the sad story of the tragedy young De Haas now reviews. He has changed from a youthful lover of the hunt to a hater of firearms, and it is feared that his brooding over the awful accident may yet impair his mind.

SNUBBED IN PARIS.

Eugenie, Ex-Empress of the French Has Bad Experience in City She Once Ruled.

Early one morning in January a common-place landau stopped before the old Palais des Archives, in Paris, and two elderly ladies, garbed in dull black, alighted. One of them leant heavily on an ebony stick, the handle of which was in tortoise-shell inlaid with gold. She entered, and was proceeding up the stairs when the porter somewhat brusquely placed his hand on her arm and said: "Where are you going like that?" "I wish to consult certain documents about my own family," the lady answered meekly. "Your permission?" de-

EX-EMPRESS EUGENIE.
(How She Looked in the Days of Her Greatest Glory.)

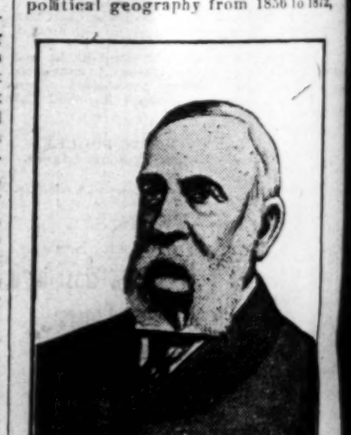
manded the man, rudely. "I have none. I thought—in fact, I knew—that everyone had the right to come here and look up the books on genealogy." "Ah!" grinned the man, "then you knew wrong. But if you go there"—pointing to a door—"you may get permission to go up as a favor."

The lady nodded and went away. But on the morrow a man whose profession it is to search out the documents in the Palais des Archives was seen busy looking through old parchments concerning a certain Balthazar de Chaves, who was once Spanish ambassador at the Court of Louis XV. He was sent there by the lady in black who had been snubbed the day before by the porter, and who was no less a personage than the ex-Empress Eugenie, great-granddaughter of Balthazar de Chaves.

DANIEL COIT GILMAN.

Chosen Head of the Great Carnegie University by Unanimous Vote of Trustees.

Dr. Daniel Coit Gilman, who was elected president of the Carnegie university at a recent meeting of the trustees in Washington, was for 26 years and until recently president of the Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore. He came to Johns Hopkins from the University of California, of which he was president from 1872 to 1875. Dr. Gilman is a graduate of Yale, where he was secretary of the Sheffield scientific school and professor of physical and political geography from 1856 to 1872,



DANIEL COIT GILMAN.
(Just Elected President of the Great Carnegie University.)

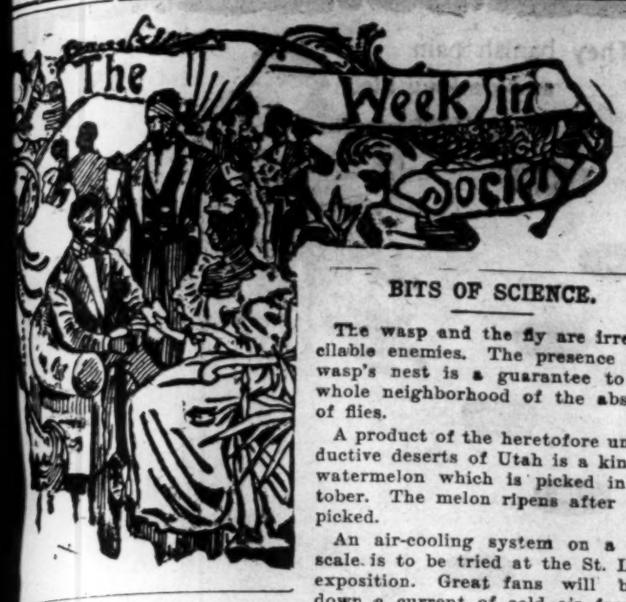
and has the degree of LL. D. from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, St. John's and the University of North Carolina. He is a member of the British association, president of the American Oriental society, president or member of several educational funds, vice president of the Archaeological Society of America, and is president of the National Civil Service Reform league. He is the author of a number of books on historical and educational subjects. Dr. Gilman was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1831.

American Jewelry Centers.

More than half of the jewelry made in this country is manufactured in the Attleboros. Practically all of the jewelry made in the United States is turned out in New England in the city of Providence, the Attleboros and the town of Mansfield. Nearly 50,000 people are directly interested in the manufacture of jewelry. Altogether there are something over 250 factories for the making of jewelry in these four communities, the output of which runs into the millions of dollars in value annually.

Salt Shut Off the Current.

Last winter, when an unusually heavy snowstorm blocked the streets of Paris, the city officials thought to expedite the clearing of the streets by sprinkling broadcast common kitchen salt. This melted the snow, but got in all the trolley slots. As salt water is a fine conductor of electricity, all the current was switched off, and not a car could move until the slots were carefully cleaned out.



Miss Rebecca J. Gray, who has been ill sick for two weeks is able to attend her school duties.

Miss M. E. Randolph is still confined to her home with rheumatism

Douglass day was elaborately celebrated at th Jones School last Friday afternoon. Kelly Miller and Dr. Jas. H. Dillard delivered addresses with appropriate remarks.

Pearl the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Le Droit Park will become a member of the 19th St. church March. 1.

A MUSICAL SUCCESS.

The second piano recital by Miss Beatriz Lucas Chase, assisted by her brother, Mr. W. Luis Chase, Jr., took place at the Peoples' Congregational Church on last Friday night. Miss Chase and her brother are the pupils of their mother and the program was of a high musical order. For two hours the audience was delightfully entertained and the execution of Miss Chase was wonderful. The solo by Mrs. Chase was loudly applauded. At the conclusion of the recital the pupils of Mrs. Chase as well as herself received quite an ovation. At the request it will be repeated some time in April

Mrs. C. B. Purvis and wife entertained at dinner Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison, wife and daughter, Mesdames Avery, Anna Shaw, Susan B. Anthony, James, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Barry, Miss Mills and other female suffragists and Grimke called in the evening.

MANY MATTERS MINCED UP.

Alcohol as such has never yet been found as a natural original product. It is always formed by art.

The first city incorporated in this country with a charter and privileges as New York, which was granted its citizens in 1664.

The Mackenzie, the principal river of the dominion, is 2,500 miles in length and drains an area equal to one-half of the United States.

The country roads of the United States do not compare favorably with those of any nation in Europe. During the spring season in many districts of the western states the roads are practically impassable.

A Quebec paper figures out that in the United States and Canada there is spent yearly the enormous sum of $5,000,000 on golf. This includes the cost of clubhouses and links, their maintenance, the wages of caddies and servants, the cost of golfing suits, sticks and balls and all other expenses. Most persons are unaware that the portrait on the new ten-dollar bill, known as the "buffalo bill" because of the rampant figure of a bison in the center of it, is that of a man who committed suicide. It is the picture of Meriwether Lewis, a famous explorer and once private secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, who afterward made him governor of Missouri territory. In a fit of deep despondency he killed himself when 35 years old.

FRESH FROM FRANCE.

In 1909 the Eiffel tower becomes the property of the city of Paris and will then be used for its weather bureau.

An employe in a French tobacco factory has invented a machine which takes the head on cigars after they are rolled and does the work of about seven hands.

Generally speaking. Frenchmen are not chewers of the Indian weed; but in the manufacturing districts, where men work 12 hours a day and cannot smoke during that time, they chew.

Paris has a municipal department that not only moves large trees from place to place, but takes such as are ready to a tree hospital, where they are restored to vigor and then set out again.

Parisian thieves have discovered a new method, which has taken the form of extracting the platinum tubes from the interior of motor cars. Hundreds of thefts of this kind have been committed during the past few weeks.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Any officer in the United States navy is ranked as highly as a lieutenant in the British navy.

The Belgian government has fixed the period of service for the infantry at 28 months and 36 months for the cavalry and horse artillery.

The amount of gutta percha that will be required for the transpacific cable, estimated at 3,000,000 pounds, is causing some concern among the army and naval officers, lest the demand will greatly affect the price of the material.

When the present work on the Rhode Island navy yard at Philadelphia has been completed the yard will be the finest in the country in point of plant and equipment. The plans call for golf links and baseball ground for the use of the officers.

Too Bad.

Teacher—Compare the word ill.

Bright Boy—Ill, worse, dead.—N. Y. Sun.

BITS OF SCIENCE.

The wasp and the fly are irreconcilable enemies. The presence of a wasp's nest is a guarantee to the whole neighborhood of the absence of flies.

A product of the heretofore unproductive deserts of Utah is a kind of watermelon which is picked in October. The melon ripens after it is picked.

An air-cooling system on a vast scale is to be tried at the St. Louis exposition. Great fans will bring down a current of cold air from a height of 800 feet above the earth and pour it over the grounds on hot days.

Prof. Wilbur C. Knight, of the state university of Wyoming, is engaged in putting together pieces of a sea serpent which he discovered in 1895. The animal was 60 feet long and is one of the most valuable specimens ever captured.

To see objects at a distance of 100 miles the observer must be standing at a height of 6,667 feet above the level of the sea. The rule is that the distance in miles at which an object on the earth's surface may be seen is equal to the square root of one and a half times the height of the observer in feet above sea level, allowance being made for the effect of atmospheric refraction.

Prof. McKendrick, in his presidential address to the physiology section of the British association, in September, remarked that the smallest particle of matter that can be seen with our present microscopes is between one-four-hundred-thousandth and one-five-hundred-thousandth of an inch in diameter. The diffraction of light in the microscope forbids the possibility of seeing still smaller objects. Yet the living spores studied by physiologists are sometimes, probably, even smaller in size than the most minute particle that the most perfect microscope can show.

The stars which are called "fixed stars" are properly so described. They do not change their relative places appreciably even in the longest periods of time with which history has to deal. Take, for instance, the twin stars which form the belt of Orion, that constellation which is especially the glory of our winter skies. There is no doubt that the relative positions of these twin stars, and their positions relative to other stars in the vicinity, were just the same 1,900 years ago as they are today, so far at least as the general appearance of the constellation is concerned.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

Mayor Low, of New York, refuses to perform the marriage ceremony, saying that to do so would take up time which might be spent to much greater advantage.

Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang gave $100 toward the ransom of Miss Ellen Stone. Another Chinaman gave $12,000 toward a professorship at Columbia university.

Col. Cody, known as Buffalo Bill, will quit the road after next season's round and then he intends to cut off the long hair that has grown white and straggly in recent years.

"Leslie M. Shaw," says a friend of the new cabinet official, "will be the David Harum of Roosevelt's administration. What I mean is that Mr. Shaw is a natural born man of affairs and the personification of shrewdness."

Ex-Empress Eugenie is busy preparing her memoirs. A complete record of her reign is to be left after her death to the public library of Paris. The empress has carefully filed every personal letter since the day of her marriage.

The Country's Death Rate.

A recent bulletin of the United States census compares the mortality of 1890 and that of 1900, and shows that there has been a diminution of something like ten per cent. in the death rate. In 1890 the average longevity in the United States was 31.1 years; in 1900 it is 35.2 years. The increase is 13 per cent. This is the conclusion, at least, so far as cities of over 8,000 inhabitants are concerned, and it represents the facts for the whole country approximately. In 1894 245 persons died of consumption in every 10,000; in 1900 only 190. The case is similar, though not so marked, for other diseases—diphtheria, bronchitis, typhoid, cholera infantum and the like. The main causes are a perfected hygiene of towns and the progress of medicine. Pneumonia, however, claimed 192 victims per 10,000 in 1900 to 187 in 1890.

Oldest Man in America.

The claim of Martin Head, of Napoleon, O., to being the oldest man in the United States is not well founded. Noah Raby, of New Jersey, who is at the Piscataway poor farm, located near New Brunswick, claims to be between 129 and 130 years old.

Many Happy Old Couples.

A Boston paper has found 818 couples in New England who were married over 50 years ago, and are ready to celebrate their diamond wedding, surrounded, in most cases by many descendants.

ADELBERT'S SAD END.

BY TOM B. MORGAN.

My friend, Adelbert J. Penworthy, was an author of the ordinary kind, until he became a slave of the subsequent. He wrote the common, or domestic, variety of stories, the sort which sometimes cheer but never inebriate, and his productions never brought the blush of shame to the cheek of the most delicate fabric. He entertained many and harmed none, wherefore, I contend, that he deserved a better fate than that which befell him. I fancy he was more sinned against than sinning when he got himself entangled in the meshes of the special-day story, and thereby eventually became a slave of the subsequent.

The special-day story, dear reader, is a tale appropriately flavored for publication near unto a certain time or day of the year. There are numerous varieties of it, viz.: The immaculate Washington's Birthday story, the mellow St. Patrick's-Day-in-the-morning-bedad story, the hugely-humorous April Fool story, the Fourth of July story, the Thanksgiving story, wherein the repentant prodigal renigs on husks and returns for pie and long-deferred glee, and most of the rest of us are thankful for what didn't happen to us. Last, but by no means least, comes the joyous, full-stomached festal occasion wherein everybody comes home to listen to the groaning of the board and to get forgiveness and indigestion, and so on. This latter, and the greatest favorite of them all, is the Christmas story.

Be it understood, that the special-day story is usually written about six months prior to the date of its publication, and, therefore, in radically different weather and an entirely antagonistic season of the year. For instance, the Fourth of July story, with its hectic midsummer warmth and patriotism, is penned when the boreal blasts are sighing and soughing through the rime-fringed whiskers of the belated wayfarer; and the Christmas tale, with its trimmings of sleigh bells and arctic winds clawing in impotent rage at the stout oaken door, while the flaming yule log beats the baffled cold back with tropic heat, is written in summer by a copiously perspiring pen, which wearily waves a palm leaf fan in one hand the while it earnestly wishes for rain with the other.

Thus it comes to pass that the author is either six months behind the time o' year and the climatic conditions he is endeavoring to portray, or else his imagination is an equal length of time ahead of his surroundings. If he don't feel what he is writing, he is that far in arrears; and if he is of the sort who live in the midst of their creations, he is to that extent ahead of himself and correspondingly prior.

Now, Adelbert J. Penworthy was a conscientious party and an emotional—he felt that he must feel all that his characters were supposed to feel, and when he felt that he wasn't feeling as he felt they ought to feel, he would feel that he must force himself to feel as he felt it necessary for him to feel in order to make his characters feel as they ought to feel. As it is well known, this thing of feeling is largely, if not wholly, a matter of temperament or imagination. If we are sufficiently emotional and possess the required sensitiveness of temperament, we can feel almost any way we desire to, or feel that we should feel. If we can only convince ourselves, for instance, that we are happy, why, we are happy. When we feel that we feel cold or hot, we are cold or hot, just as the case may be. It is all a matter of feeling.

Thus, a goodly portion of the time, Penworthy was living, with the assistance of his fancy, fully half a year distant from the actual date. In winter he was projecting himself into the subsequent summer, and writing Fourth of July stories, and feeling them as he wrote; and in summer he was penning Christmas tales, and in imagination suffering from chilblains. At first it required all the strength of his imagination to enable him to feel what he felt he must feel; but after long practice it became almost second nature with him to throw himself forward six months and into the midst of surroundings and weather entirely different from those in his immediate vicinity. And at last he couldn't help it.

Presently Penworthy's fancies became realities to him, and realities only fancies. He fancied that his fancies were facts and the facts were only fancies, and thought that what he thought was reality was only what he thought was real while the real reality was what he thought was only what he thought. He got so that he couldn't tell whether what he thought was really what he thought or only just what he thought he thought. Sometimes he thought that what he thought he thought was only what he thought he thought he thought, and then again, he didn't.

In natural sequence, he became unable to determine whether the time and season of the year then on hand was the past or the future, or only just the present. He didn't know whether now was really now, or whether he was dwelling in fancy six months ahead of where he thought he was, or whether where he thought he only thought he was was really the correct date and he was actually six months behind the times.

He couldn't tell whether to-day was really to-day, and he only thought it was to-morrow or yesterday, or it was some other day and he was merely fancying it was to-day. He didn't know whether this month was next month or last month, and whether he was behind time and had arrived a good while ago or was yet to come in on the last load. When he received a letter he sometimes laid it aside in the belief that he had answered it six months before, and when he got up from a fit of sickness he was just being taken down. He ate pie for breakfast and often went without his supper, thinking he had had it. He began to think last Thursday was next Wednesday and next Saturday was really last Monday. It bothered him to find last night's or to-morrow night's moon shining at midday, and he couldn't sleep well because the eastern sun shone brightly all night.

He caught a violent cold and froze one of his ears on the Fourth of July, and read the Declaration of Independence with keen enjoyment on Chrictmas. Presently he took to stepping high over obstacles that weren't there, and trying to pull his trousers on over his head. Then they took him to the asylum, solemnly declaring all the way that at four p. m. the clock had struck nine and eight when it was only 11 a. m., and that he had been dead and buried for fully four months and wouldn't find it out for two months more.

They could not persuade him to enter his cell until they permitted him to do so backwards; he thought he was coming out instead of going in, and seemed perfectly content. Not so very long afterwards he carefully folded up his trousers and put them to bed, and deliberately and conclusively hanged himself on the bed post with his own suspenders, apparently mistaking himself for his pants.

Thus was poor Adelbert J. Penworthy rendered a slave of the subsequent, and presently slain by Christmas and other special-day stories.—People's Home Journal.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The largest slaughter house in the world is in Kansas City, Kan.

The trade of all South America is not equal to that we have with Canada.

By the use of a process invented at Bridgeport, Conn., wooden doors are being electroplated with copper or brass.

Lake Superior is the deepest of the great lakes. Its greatest depth is 1,003 feet and the lake is 601 feet above the level of the sea.

In Los Angeles, Cal., there is an ordinance imposing a fine of five dollars for allowing chickens to run on the streets and other people's property.

Theodore Roosevelt is the fifth president who has held membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the others being John Quincy Adams, Pierce, Garfield and Arthur.

A French naval ensign has been dismissed from the fleet for writing a satirical novel in which several of the leading officers were criticised and caricatured in a very sarcastic fashion.

Colorado, Nevada and California have no representation on the committee on mines and mining in the present house of representatives. Territorial Delegate Smith, of Arizona, is a member of the committee.

IN THE WAY OF VARIETY.

The Seattle assay office has handled $55,000,000 since its establishment.

Maximinus, the Roman emperor, was over eight feet high, and could wear his wife's bracelet as a thumb ring.

The Commercial club of Louisville uses advertising space in street cars and on billboards to enjoin readers to patronize home industries.

One Foxcraft (Me.) farmer had to shovel out 270 sheep in his pasture. The snow was 30 inches deep, and the sheep were scattered over a wide area, so that it took a large crew of men with shovels to rescue them.

The first salt was produced in this country prior to 1620, and in the various reports of the federal census mention is made of not less than 32 states in which salt has at some period been produced in considerable quantities.

When a cargo of bananas arrives at New Orleans or Mobile, the fruit is sold at once to local dealers, while the green bunches are sent northward by a special train. As it proceeds, the train slowly dwindles, for sections of it are dropped at this point or that and sent off in various directions until finally it is broken up altogether, and the last car is sidetracked at some town in the far northwest.

The Cow and the Camera.

Here is a sagacious cow that attended promptly to a little matter of business, and deserves a blue ribbon. At Bloomfield, N. J., the other day an amateur photographer stole a march on some girls as they were frolicking in a stream on the Dodd estate. The camera was all adjusted for an exposure, and the photographer ducked beneath the black cloth. A cow apparently took in the situation just in the nick of time, and bucked the camera fairly and sent it flying. Then she turned to the man and chased him over a rail fence, standing guard until the girls had donned their clothes and escaped.

Weight of Gold and Cork.

A cubic foot of cork weighs 15 pounds; a cubic foot of gold weighs 1,135 pounds.

Shying Off.

She—How odd! That lecturer says blonds should marry brunettes, and vice versa. You're a decided blond, you know.

He—I suppose so. You're a blonde, too, aren't you?

She—O no! I'm a pronounced brunette.

He (in terror)—Now, Miss De Muir, you can never make me believe that your creamy complexion and golden hair are—er—not natural.—Chicago Tribune.

Viewed by a Versemaker.

There is beauty in the sunset
And in the starry night;
There is grandeur in the mountains
And in Niagara's might;
There is terror in the tempest
And in the lightning's flash;
There is mystery in everything—
And there is everything in hash.
—Chicago Daily News.

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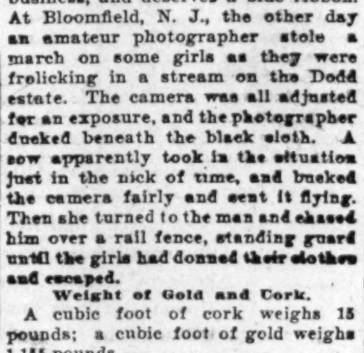

Clergyman (referring sympathetically to departed breadwinner)—Well, well, let us hope he's better off where he is.

Widow—O! sir, he always used to say it was 'eaven to be with me.—Moonshine.

If She Only Would.

Fate oft scatters roses rare,
And 'twould be rather nice,
If fate in slippery seasons would
Scatter ashes on the ice.
—Chicago Daily News.

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This is the banner week for furniture buyers. We are cleaning away our stocks in all departments at greatly reduced prices in order to make room for spring goods. Read this list carefully—and remember that we are ready to arrange the easist kind of credit terms. We guarantee the durability of every article. Carpets made, laid, and lined free.

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These magnificent California Blankets are reduced to a point that insures the quickest kind of clearance.

11-4 Blankets—worth $11—reduced to.....$6.49
11-4 Blankets—worth $16—reduced to.....$10 98
11-4 Blankets—worth $9—reduced to.....$4.48
11-4 Blankets worth—$19—reduced to.....$12.48
11-4 Blankets—worth $11—reduced to.....$7.98
11-4 Blankets—worth $15—reduced to.....$9.98
11-4 Blankets worth—$11.50—reduced to.....$8.25
11-4 Blankets—worth $16.50—reduced to.....$11.48

Lamps and Globes.

1 $10 Lamp and Globe.....$4.98
1 $8 Lamp and Globe.....$5.75
1 $10 Lamp and Globe.....$7.98
1 $12 Lamp and Globe.....$8.98
1 $9 Lamp and Globe.....$6.75
1 $10 Lamp and Globe.....$7.50

Toilet Sets.

These Toilet Sets are in handsome patterns, and beautifully decorated.

All $7.50 Toilet Sets—10 pieces each—cut to.....$5.
All $6 50. Toilet Sets—10 pieces each—cut to.....$4 48

Bamboo Pieces.

1 Seat, was $2.00. now....$1.50
1 Seat, was $4.00. now.....$3.00
1 Table, was $6 50. now...$5 50
1 $6 Music Cabinet now...$4.50

In Carpets.

80c Brussels Carpet.....59c yd
80c Tapestry Carpet.....69c yd
$1 Tapestry Carpet.....79c yd
$1 Best Tapestry Carpet.87c yd
$1 10 Velvet Carpet....87½c yd
$1.30 Velvet Carpet....97½c yd
$1.30 Velvet Carpet...$1.12½ yd

Roman Sofas.

1 Sofa, was $12.50. now....$8.49
1 Sofa, was $27.50 now..$24.00
1 Sofa, was $32 50, now...$26.90

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Rough on Chickens.

In an Ohio town this year the African Methodist Episcopal church of that district held a conference. The colored population of the little town made great preparations to entertain the visiting clergymen. For a week the town was filled with colored pulpit orators.

A few days after the conference closed its sessions one of the leading women of the town drove out to Pea Ridge to purchase chickens of Aunt Hanna, who had supplied the family for years. Aunt Hanna, coming to the gate, said:

"I'm sorry, Miss Allie. I ain't got a chicken left. Dey all done enter de ministry."—Cleveland Leader.

A Good Bargain.

"But why," asked the president of the country where women ruled, "did you buy that battleship?"

"It was such a bargain," replied the secretary of the navy. "Of course the engines don't work very well, and there are some flaws in the guns, but it looks as fine as any of the others and only cost half as much."—Chicago Post.

Profound Emotion.

"Oh, but her singing was moving!"

"Not a dry eye in the house, I suppose?"

"Dry eye! Why, I venture to say there wasn't a woman in all that vast concourse who went away with the remotest idea of what the artist wore or how she fixed her hair!"—Town Topics.

Noncommittal.

"Do you think the world is growing worse or better?"

"I shouldn't venture an opinion," said the man who makes no pretensions to being a philosopher. "One's impressions on that point are likely to depend largely on the kind of society he happens to get into."—Washington Star.

Cheating by Mail.

In one of Gail Hamilton's letters is a humorous rebuke to the correspondent who deceives us by his large handwriting and wide spaces, says the Youth's Companion. It assails a fault even more prevalent than it was when she wrote. She says:

What is the French for humbug? I want the word, but it seems a little coarse. What I want of it is to apply it to your letters.

One thinks one has such a plump letter! Its sides stand out with fatness. Now, really one is going to have a half-day's talk with you! But before I have got the taste fairly in my mouth, I have come to the end of my orange. Now, you write up close, close me, and if a letter is thin, let it show thin before I open it, and not make me think I am going to have a Briton's feast of a whole roast ox when, after all, it is only a morsel of spring veal, mind.

I don't say you shall roast me your ox, or even kill me your fatted calf. But you shall not let the fore quarter of a frog make me think a mummy of himself a la Weller that I think him an ox when he gets here.

The Eternal Feminine.

Mrs. Hewman—I never saw such a busybody. Just becaues the doctor stopped at our house yesterday she immediately wanted to know what was the matter.

Mrs. Naycher—Yes; I wonder how she'd like her neighbors to be that curious about her? You know the doctor stopped at her house to-day, too.

Mrs. Hewman—You don't say!? I wonder what's the matter there?—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Touch of Humor.

"Always," said the astute news editor to the new reporter, "always be on the lookout for any little touch of humor that brightens up our columns."

That evening the new reporter handed in an account of a burglary in a butcher's shop which commenced: "Mr. Jeremiah Cleaver, the well-known butcher, is losing flesh rapidly of late."—Tit-Bits.

A Question.

This canal across the isthmus;
Its advantage—who can doubt it?
Will it take as long to dig it
As it takes to talk about it?
—Washington. Star.

THE OLD AND THE NEW SCHOOL.

Staid Old Harlemite—A hundred dollars for a suit of clothes! I never paid that for a suit in my life.

Sporty Son—Well, you'll have to begin now, father; here's the bill.—Harlem Life.

Big Collection of Clippings.

The late Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, saved newspaper clippings relating to himself and left a collection amounting to 45,000 columns.

Faithful Even Unto Death.

A remarkable story, which is really true, is told of an affectionate son in Buda-Pesth. His age was 88, and in a fit of despondency he leaped from a bridge and committed suicide because of his inability to longer support his father and mother, aged respectively

READY FOR THE END

Pope Completed All Arrangements for Funeral and Burial.

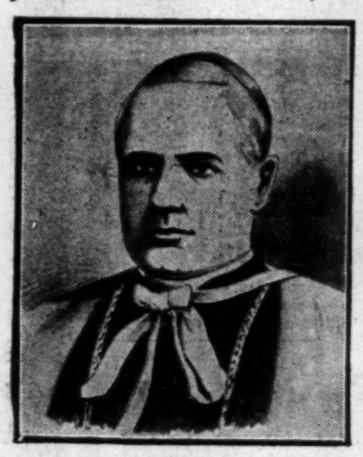
Tomb Is a Beautiful Work of Modern Art—Will Leave His Estate to Holy See—Worries Over Successor.

The recent revival of the publication of reports of the imminence of the pope's death has led to inquiries being made of Chevalier Centra, valet de chambre to his holiness. The chevalier declared that the pope's health is excellent. "But," he added, "my master for some time past has spoken almost solely of his mortal end as though it were near. The pope concerns himself daily with the questions of his death and successor. He has settled all arrangements for his funeral down to the minutest details. He says that the members of his family and not the papal government must ask the Italian government for the necessary permission for interment in the basilica of St. John Laderan. A monumental tomb is ready for fixing in its place. It is the work of the famous sculptor Giuseppe Luchetti and has cost 300,000 lire ($60,000), which has all been paid."

The tomb is a beautiful work of art. The sarcophagus is surmounted by the recumbent figure of Leo XIII. in full pontifical robes. Guarding the tomb are life-size statues of St. Thomas and St. Francis, and also a statue of the Virgin and two angels, all in white Carrara marble.

The interment will take place in the early morning, with an entire absence of ceremony. By the pope's express order the actual casket in which the body will rest will be of plain white wood.

The pope leaves scarcely anything to his relatives in his will. He quite recently divided among them his purely personal estate, so that his bequests



CARDINAL JEROME M. GOTTI.
(Pope Leo Would Like to Be Succeeded by This Prelate.)

are mere gifts of remembrance. All the money he now possesses, about 300,000,000 lire ($60,000,000), he bequeathed to the treasury of the holy see.

All these things, says the Chicago Tribune, are perfectly familiar to the inmates of the vatican, for it is the pope himself who constantly talks about them. He speaks quite as freely and as often of his successor on the papal throne. His consuming fear is that his political work so persistently and patiently performed and so fruitful of practical benefit to the church should be nullified by some rash inheritor. He would like to have the assurance that he will be succeeded by Cardinal Rampolla, but he knows that to be almost impossible, and failing it he would prefer Cardinal Gotti or Cardinal Vives y Tuto. He disapproves the candidatures of Cardinals Vannutelli, Svampa and Oreglia. Yet one of these three will probably be the next pope.

Cardinal Jerome Maria Gotti is a Genoese, 68 years old, and is of the order of Barefoot Carmelites the most austere branch. Under his subsequent leadership the order made marked material advance. He accomplished the partial restoration of the mother house for the work in Palestine. He also visited England and the United States to counsel the order to austerity and wider service on the part of the mendicants of the order. He was commanded to go to Brazil in 1892 to look after the Catholic interests. In 1895 he was created cardinal. Personally he is below medium height, but possessed of a well-rounded and well-preserved figure. He lives modestly in a handsome palace. His tastes are scientific, but he is the best authority on canon law in the college. His friends say he is the ideal scholar, saint and diplomat. He belongs to no factions, keeps out of politics and never goes into Roman society.

New York's Big Tunnel.

New York's new tunnel is far advanced, and the engineers have worked out their complex problem without an error. An army of men is burrowing under the main streets of the city without interrupting traffic in the least. The blasting is under such exact control that no harm has resulted to foundations almost adjacent.

Danger in Little Knowledge.

A school-teacher in Newark, N. J., received the other day the following letter from the father of a pupil: "Dear Teacher: Please don't teach Johnny any more about his insides. It makes him sassy." It seems that Johnny had become entirely too scientific and critical concerning the family bill of fare.

Polo an Ancient Sport.

Polo is probably the oldest of athletic sports. It has been traced to 600 B. C.

RUSSELL SAGE SUED.

Noted New York Capitalist Brought Into Court by the Charming Marchioness D'Ajuria.

Isabella D'Ajuria, who is suing Russell Sage, in New York for $75,000 as the result of his alleged conduct toward her nearly eighteen years ago, is known to her friends as the widow of Marquis Gregorio D'Ajuria. She is one of the best known miniature painters in America. To many distinguished society folk in New York and Lakewood she has been known simply as Mme. Gregorio D'Ajuria. As the papers in her suit were filed in her maiden name, Isabella, not a few whose portraits she has painted did not at first identify the

MARCHIONESS D'AJURIA.
(She Has Brought Suit Against Russell Sage for $75,000.)

talented artist with the woman whose name is now so strangely linked with that of the aged capitalist.

Mme. D'Ajuria, or Marchioness D'Ajuria, as she claims the right to call herself, flashed upon the fashionable colony of Lakewood, N. J., in the season of 1895. She appeared to be possessed of ample means and rented from George Gould for the season the handsome cottage known as Gray Gables. One of her new neighbors, says the Chicago Chronicle, was a man of large wealth who had recently become a widower. On returning from New York to his Lakewood home one evening he found awaiting him a perfumed note from Mme. D'Ajuria inviting him to call. He did so, and found her lavishly arrayed in a superb velvet evening gown. After some conversation and an exchange of neighborly courtesies Mme. D'Ajuria suggested that, as her caller was then living alone, she had thought it might be agreeable for him to become a boarder with her at Gray Gables. She would at the same time, she said, if such an arrangement were pleasing to him, utilize the opportunity to paint for him his portrait in miniature. Her neighbor did not care to give up his own home and courteously declined to approve of such an arrangement.

Mme. D'Ajuria was well known at Lakewood also two years ago. At that time she rented expensive apartments in the leading hotel and lived on a scale of luxurious indulgence. With her was her only child, Oro, a daughter, then about 12 years old, and a young woman who acted as Oro's governess.

HIS ODD MONUMENT.

Memory of Man Who Rode First Bicycle in North England Perpetuated in Queer Way.

This unique monument was recently erected in Scotland over the grave of an old man who was reputed to have been the first to ride a bicycle in the north of Great Britain. For many years he rode over the country roads on a clumsy two-wheeled affair, and on days

BICYCLE AND PONY.
(Odd Monument Erected Over Grave of an Old Scotchman.)

when he was not on his bicycle he was generally seen going along on a sturdy little pony, which was his inseparable companion for a long time.

Several extraordinary monuments have been erected in some of the graveyards in Italy during the last few years, but it is doubtful if among them there is one which is as realistic as the one shown in the accompanying picture and of which a bicycle and a pony are the two very unusual features.

Long-Lived English Family.

Instances of unusually prolonged life are, as a rule, only made known to the outer world on the occasion of the person's decease, whereas it would be much more to the point if the examples recorded were of individuals still living and in the possession of their faculties at an abnormally advanced age. Sometimes this dower of "length of days" is the inheritance of certain families, as, e. g., the Foxes, there having been only two generations in direct line of descent between Sir Stephen Fox, who was born in 1627, and who, so it is said, attended Charles I. on the scaffold, and the third earl of Ilchester, who died in 1858. Of the two aunts of Charles James Fox, one (his father's half sister) died in 1653 and the other (his mother's youngest sister) in 1828—an interval of 175 years!

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Gent's Diamond Studs, $7.50 up.
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Holland Gin	20c pt
North Carolina Corn Whiskey	20c pt
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Pure Old Rye Whiskey	30c pt
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Our stock is now complete in all departments with useful and tasteful Christmas Presents. Our line of Boys Overcoats is unsurpassed from $2.50 up. Mens Yoke Overcoats 7.50 up.

908 Seven Street, Northwest

This Strike Was Justifiable.

A number of girls in a factory in Derby, Conn., went on a strike because a Polish damsel scented the workroom by lunching on garlic and limburger cheese.

Hint for American Solons.

When a dog in Japan disturbs the neighbors by barking at night, its owner is arrested and sentenced to work a year for the disturbed neighbors. The dog never barks again, for he is at once put to death.

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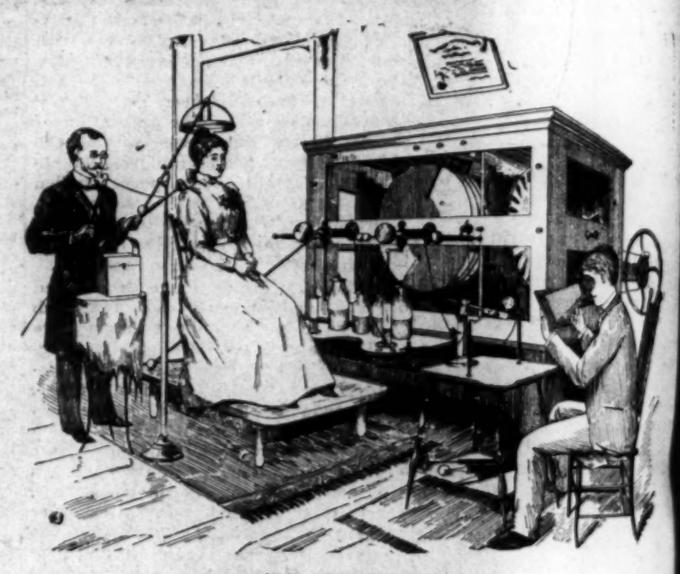

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I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss May Clematis.

B. C. Old friends are some times changed by new faces. Such friendship you can afford to loose.

Laura. I am opposed to any girl loaning a man money, even though the man may want it to spend for your good. A man who means to make a woman his wife would not stoop to this.

Lin. It is well to be ambitious but don't be so merely for a show for it may not last.

A. F. Don't believe all that is said to you. You are too young to be fooled by a knave. Beware of the person who interests himself so much in your welfare.

Cora. If you did not smile so much you would appear better. A person oft-times betrays his inmost soul.

I dislike to see people laugh at nothing. It is silly.

Jessie. You ask if I would live in the country. A girl should live any where with the man she has declared to be true until death.

Georgia. Nine hundred girls have taken the Civil Service examination. I understand that the young ladies of the Normal School were granted time to take this examination.

Teacher. Only eleven thus far have been appointed to teachers positions of a class of fifty-six.

There are to be several spring marriages and at least three June weddings among the school marms.

It is rumored that one of the 8th grades assistants will change her name shortly, or at least when the gentleman names the date.

Profession's are alright, but what we need is Industrial Education. Our hands should be trained as well as our head.

Don't be conspicious or suspicious for one is as bad as the other. To be conspicious one is a abominable and to be suspicious, one is unhappy and makes all others the same.

It it better to excel in one than to do many things fairly well.

Frank. The greatest safety in the world is to place your interests in the woman you love best.

Mary. Cultivate good graces and refinement by so doing you will succeed. As it is you are too abrupt.

Lena. You had better consult your mother. I cannot answer your question. You should let parties alone for awhile.

It is very unhappy to find a friend acting in a false manner. I like the person best who tells a falsehood in preference of one who acts it.

R. J. People still carry out the old Roman belief in May being an unlucky month to marry. Rather than take any chances, I advise you to wed in April.

P. If one confides in you a secret you have no right to tell it to mother or father.

Great men never despise the day of small doings. A firm determination is the first step to positive success.

There is magnetism in a kind person which catches the most stern heart.

Tenie. Don't allow your vanity to exceed your good sense.

Fannie. You should not delight in blushing, as it shows that you have a slight nervous affection.

When you hear a person criticising others straight fowardness, you may know that his own axe needs grinding.

Pet. Green of all shades will be worn for spring. It is a very trying shade to some complexions.

Shoes are not quite so wide and more jointed at the toe.

Skirts are very much trimmed.

Bolero jackets still in the lead.

Blouse fronts just as low as ever.

Tight back skirts with seams strapped.

A bunch of violets in your bossom.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S DEMOCRACY.

How the Woman Who Won the Nations's Heart Surprised a New York Breakman

A lady who knew Mrs. Cleveland quite well met her at the Grand Central Station in New York, recently, fairly laden down with parcels.

"You look like a real old-fashioned Santa Claus," she said to Mrs. Cleveland.

"Oh, no, not quite that," was the reply, "for I have no toys in my parcels; they are filled with fruit that I am taking out to where I am staying, because they are very fond of these particular things and they can't be had out there."

When Mrs. Cleveland left the train her friend thought that she would give pleasure to the breakeman by telling him that he had "entertained an angel unawares."

So she said, "Did you see that lady on the platform with all those parcels?"

"Yes," said he, "what of her?"

"That's Mrs. Cleveland." The man refused to believe her. He could not believe that the wife of the ex-President, almost struggling with parcels, would be traveling alone in an ordinary day coach. Such simple democracy pased his belief.—February Ladies' Home Journal.

CASE OF HARD LUCK.

Young Lady Who Loves Onions in a Peck of Trouble.

And Now, Let All Devotees of the Bermuda Fruit Pity Her, She Has Taken a Final Pledge Against Them.

The pretty young woman got home about one p. m. from her little shopping tour. She slipped on a kimona, wrote a letter or so, and then she began to feel a bit hungry. She had quite forgotten about luncheon. Her mother was out paying some calls, and it was the servant's afternoon off.

The young woman put a finger to her lip, wondering what little dainty she'd fix up for her luncheon. Suddenly, says the Washington Star, a sort of wolfish light appeared in her eyes. She stood up straight and tapped her forehead.

"No," she murmured to herself, "I've no place to go to-night. I shall spend the evening at home, reading my novel and playing papa's favorite pieces. This is my chance—and how I do love them, me oh my!"

She went down the basement stairs almost guiltily. Her manner was that of a young woman about to do something sneaky, underhand. At the bottom of the stairs she hesitated.

"No," she murmured again, "there's no possibility of any one coming to take me out to-night. Harry is," etc., etc. The rest of the murmur was not distinguishable, and it doesn't matter anyhow.

She went to the kitchen cupboard and dragged out a peach basket filled to the brim with fine sturdy-looking Bermuda onions—big, juicy ones.

"Um, what a chance!" breathed the young woman, smacking her lips.

She peeled two of the huge onions and sliced them into a saucer, regarding them greedily as she did so. Then she went into the dining-room and got the vinegar cruet and the salt and pepper, and she vinegared and salted and peppered that heaping dishful of sliced onions to her taste. Then she got out a fresh loaf of bread and the

SPREAD OUT HER LUNCHEON.

butter, and spread her luncheon out on the kitchen table.

Then she sat down on a kitchen chair before the refection.

Then she did not do one single, solitary thing to those sliced onions and that bread and butter.

"Um, mercy on us, but ain't they nice, though!" she murmured, almost every time she stabbed into the onion dish with her fork. "And haven't I just been longing for 'em, too! I'd just rather sit here in the kitchen and eat sliced onions with vinegar and bread and butter than sit down to any old formal luncheon anywhere!"

Thus she gormandized, pondering on how good the onions tasted, and making up her mind that she intended to have them for her luncheon every future day on which she knew she was not to go out in the evening. Thus reflecting, she peeled and sliced the third large onion and ate it delightedly.

She had just conveyed the last scrap of the final onion to her facial orifice when the front door bell rang.

"Oh, fudge!" said the young woman, as she rushed upstairs to answer the bell, thinking that the ringer would probably prove to be a peddler or canvasser or something similar.

But the ringer of the bell was the young woman's chummiest and intimatest girl chum.

"Oh, Elvira," gasped the young woman's chummiest and intimatest girl chum, bursting breathlessly into the hall, "I'm just tickled foolish that I've found you at home! Jim, my New York brother, came down unexpectedly last night, and he's got a box for the theater to-night, and a lot of the nicest boys are coming, and you must come, and what are you going to wear?"

Then Elvira tottered to the sitting-room couch and buried her face in the pillow. She didn't join the box party, but she will never miss another box party on account of onions. She has taken the pledge against them finally and forever.

Strange Tale from Indiana.

A Gypsy woman belonging to a tribe that camped near Tipton, Ind., told the fortune of Warren Warrington, a farmer. Among other things she informed him that there was a treasure concealed on his farm. A few days later, while he was driving through a dilapidated gateway, his wagon struck a post, breaking it down and uncovering a teakettle which contained $1,000 in gold.

Club of Deaf Mutes.

A social club in Paris is composed entirely of deaf mutes.

MUZZLED THE DUCKS.

Not Because They Might Bite, But to Silence Their Almost Uninterrupted Quacking.

A baggage man on the Santa Fe, who runs into Kansas City from out in the western part of Kansas, has lost lots of sleep. It is doubtful if he can ever catch up with it. He leaves Hutchinson at night and reaches Kansas City in the morning.

Nearly every night he brings in his car two or three coops of live domestic ducks. During the night, when he has no baggage to deliver at small stations, it has been his habit and privilege to lie down on an improvised couch and doze. With the advent of

MUZZLING THE QUACKERS.

the ducks the dozing stopped. The almost constant quacking of the ducks, who could not understand their strange environment, would not permit of sleep.

For many nights as he lay awake he planned relief. He thought of strangling the ducks or chloroforming them. But neither expedient seemed good. One night a bright idea came to him. After he had put it into execution the ducks were silent.

The next night he had two coops of unusually vociferous ducks. As soon as it came time for sleep he wrenched a slat from one of the coops, reached in and pulled out a duck. From his pocket he took a small rubber band, which he slipped over the duck's bill just back of the nostrils. The duck tried to quack, but the rubber band, while it stretched a little, would not permit the duck to open its bill far enough to use its tongue. Only a murmur came from it. One by one the ducks were muzzled, and the baggageman rested comfortably.

The commission men were surprised next morning when they received a lot of ducks with rubber bands around their bills, and when the bands were removed the shouts of protest from the ducks were deafening.

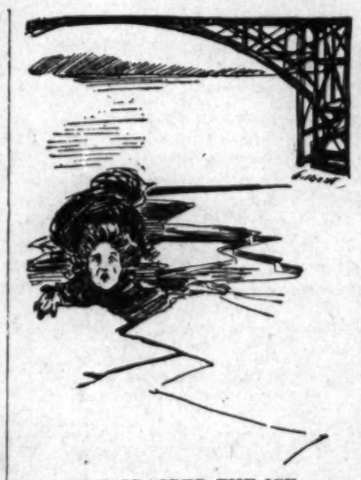
SAVED BY PICTURE HAT.

Big Piece of Millinery Held Baltimore Girl Up Long Enough to Grasp the Ice.

Miss Katherine K. Hughes, one of the most popular society girls of Baltimore, owes her life to a picture hat.

Miss Hughes is at her home recovering from the effects of an icy bath that she involuntarily took in the waters of Lake Roland. Miss Hughes is an enthusiastic skater and went skating on the lake.

She had taken off her skates and was walking down the railroad track. Just before she reached the iron bridge over the branch in the lake she noticed a railroad train coming rapidly down toward Lake station. Thinking that the safest place would be on the ice Miss



SHE GRASPED THE ICE.

Hughes stepped out upon the slippery surface and had just got above the channel, through which a swift current runs beneath the bridge, when the ice broke and the girl was plunged into the water. Her large picture hat caught over the broken surface of the ice and kept her from being swept under.

The hat held her up long enough to get her hands free and grasp the ice, and by a desperate struggle she succeeded in getting one arm upon the upper surface and saving herself from being submerged.

Married for a Pittance.

To encourage marriage in Servia all young persons with at least 2,000 dinars ($400) in bank were until recently presented with a premium of 150 dinars by the bank directors. The result was that on reaching the legal marriageable age of 18 the youngsters hastened to marry. When the money was spent many of the couples resorted to divorce proceedings.

Artificial Horse Hair.

A process for making artificial horsehair has been invented by chemists in Frankfort, Germany.

THE HAAS BROTHERS

Three of Them Have Fallen in Love with Jane Segur.

Two of the Romances Were Stained with Blood—The Third May End Happily for Both Bride and Groom.

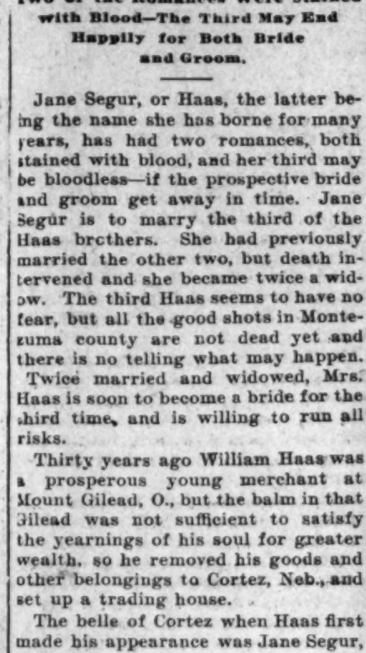
Jane Segur, or Haas, the latter being the name she has borne for many years, has had two romances, both stained with blood, and her third may be bloodless—if the prospective bride and groom get away in time. Jane Segur is to marry the third of the Haas brothers. She had previously married the other two, but death intervened and she became twice a widow. The third Haas seems to have no fear, but all the good shots in Montezuma county are not dead yet and there is no telling what may happen.

Twice married and widowed, Mrs. Haas is soon to become a bride for the third time, and is willing to run all risks.

Thirty years ago William Haas was a prosperous young merchant at Mount Gilead, O., but the balm in that Gilead was not sufficient to satisfy the yearnings of his soul for greater wealth, so he removed his goods and other belongings to Cortez, Neb., and set up a trading house.

The belle of Cortez when Haas first made his appearance was Jane Segur, and she was as pretty as a maiden dared be.

Two brothers by the name of Siegel were particularly attentive to Jane, and they gave it out that the man who married Jane had better make his will before the marriage ceremony was performed. Now it happened that little Jane had fallen in love with William Haas, and accepted his offer of heart and hand. When the Siegels heard of it they became more than ordinarily strenuous. They talked to Haas in an unseemly manner until his Ohio blood becoming hot he was



SHOT DEAD FROM AMBUSH.

aroused to anger, and he promptly added a full charge of large shot to the weight of one of the brothers, causing death almost instantly.

When the interest in the death of Siegel had died down, says the Chicago Tribune, Haas led his bride to the altar and continued business at the old stand, not caring to go away on a honeymoon trip. His business prospered and everything went along smoothly until one night as he was going home from the store he was shot dead from ambush, the bullet fired by the unseen foe entering the heart. The finger of suspicion, as it is sometimes called, was pointed at the surviving Siegel, but when he asked the men of Cortez to proclaim publicly that they thought he was the man, not one of them opened his mouth. This particular Siegel was the best shot in several counties.

John Haas went to Cortez from Mount Gilead to settle up his brother's business affairs, for the widow was too prostrated to think of anything but her sorrows, but she brightened up after John's arrival. He was not bad looking, and, being a good business man, soon straightened out all the commercial kinks. He had business to attend to in Ohio, but he lengthened his stay at Cortez until it was too late to return. He had fallen in love with his brother's relict, and the end of it all was that he married her. He, like his brother William, lived happily with Jane, who was still the most beautiful woman in Cortez, until his sudden death. Whether the Siegel brother still had vengeance in his heart or not is not known, but it is said he was in town when William died.

There was still another Haas brother, named Henry, at Mount Gilead, and it became his duty to go west and look after the interests of the widow. He was more or less reluctant, but he did not shirk his duty. He went to Cortez, put the business in proper shape, and then began to linger. He might have gone back to Ohio again, but he didn't. The widow was not so young as when she first married, but her eyes were still bright and Henry, being unmarried, liked her. To all appearances she was not averse to his company, and at last he ventured to suggest that it would not be a bad idea if they became man and wife. As a saving clause he remarked that it were better, perhaps, if they were wed at Mount Gilead and made their permanent residence there. He thought the climate at Cortez unhealthy. She agreed with him, and in a few days they will go to Mount Gilead, get married, and reside at the old Haas homestead.

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BEGINNINGS IN NEW YORK.

The first paper money was issued in 1709.

The first quarantine was established in 1737.

The first street used for building purposes was Pearl.

The first city hall was used by the city magistrates in 1655.

The first shock of earthquake felt in New York by Europeans was in 1663.

Flour was first bolted in 1650 by Pieter Couwenhoven and his brother Jacob.

The first native-born mayor was Stephanus Van Cortlandt, appointed in 1677.

The first steps in the direction of police regulations were taken by the city in 1654.

The first man sentenced to be hanged for murder was a negro known as the Giant (1641.)

The first graveyard (God's Acre) was laid out in 1633 west of Broadway above Morris street.

The first money appropriated by the city for the cleaning of the streets was in 1696. The amount was £20.

The first prison on the island was a small room on the first floor of the Stadthuys (city hall); it was opened in 1655.

The city was first divided into wards in 1683. They numbered six: South North, East, West, Dock and Out wards.

The first official census was taken in 1656. The inhabitants were found to number 1,000, of whom a large percentage were negroes.

The first fire company was organized in 1657. It was called Rattle Watch and consisted of eight men; 250 fire buckets, with hooks and ladders, were imported from Holland.

The streets were first lighted in 1697. The housekeeper of every seventh house on a street was obliged to hang out on a pole a lantern with a candle in it, the charges to be defrayed equally by the inhabitants of the seven houses.

SHOP TALK.

A cruller or doughnut spoon and strainer combined is seen in porcelain. The bowl of the spoon is broad and lifts the cruller from the hot fat, straining the surplus grease at the same time.

Women have once again taken to the notion of color in their handkerchiefs — narrow-colored borders in green, lavender, pink and blue being shown. Some handkerchiefs have printed or colored embroidered designs all over them.

One of the crystal ball clocks which have become so familiar has a military setting. Three black cannon raised tripod fashion support one of these clocks and here and there upon the marble standard are piles of cannon balls finished in gold.

Baroque pearls continue in favor and are used in various ways, among which are flower-shaped heads for hats and stickpins. These appear in all kinds of flower designs, the irregular form of the pearls being made an advantage in fashioning the petals. These pearls are also set in antique gold for hatpins.

There are any number of the beautiful chatelaine bag designs—the one that is carried on the wrist with the chain given a safeguard turn on the fingers being just now the favorite. One in undressed alligator of soft castor color is lovely and exquisite ones in beads are shown with all sorts of gay designs.

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A Little Help.

There's help in seeming cheerful
When a body's feeling blue,
In looking calm and pleasant,
If there's nothing else to do,
If other folk are wearing,
And things are all awry,
Don't vex yourself with caring;
'Twill be better by and by.

There's help in keeping tally
Of our host of happy days.
There's never one that dawneth,
But it bringeth cause to praise
The Love that ever watcheth,
The Friend that's ever near.
So, though one tryst with sorrow,
One needs must dwell with cheer.

When troubles march to meet you
Salute them at the door.
Extend both hands to greet them,
Their worst will soon be o'er.
Beat down their stormy bugles
With your own rejoicing drums,
And, mailed in lofty courage,
Accept whatever comes.
—Margaret E. Sangster, in Youth's Companion.

My Old Maid Aunt.

What's wrong with old maids? Fer's I see
They're jes' as nice as others be!
There's Aunt Jennette—folks kind o' smile
At her I 'low her shawl ain't style;
She's sort o' prim an' fond o' ways
That don't go somehow nowadays.
Old-fashioned, p'rhaps, an' kind o' slow,
But jes' as good as gold, you know!

Ain't never married, so I s'pose
Old maid she is. But say, she knows
The way to get a feller's heart!
Will scold, you know, but takes his part
When other folks is down on him;
Jes' whispers soft: "Come upstairs, Jim;"
Jes' tells him how she understands,
An' slips some pep'mints in his hands.

An' Aunt Jennette, she has a way
O' smiling when a chap's at play;
An' when he hollers, don't get mad,
But 'stead o' this, she says she's glad,
Explaining that she likes to hear
Exuberance of spirits near.
Say, I'll do anything, you bet,
Fer old maids like my Aunt Jennette!
—T. W. Burgess, in Orange Judd Farmer.

The Tongue.

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declares the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde,"
The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith:
"A lengthy tongue—an early death."

Or sometimes takes this form instead:
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
Chinese affirm, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages this impart:
"The tongue's great store-house is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung:
"Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The sacred writer crowns the whole:
"Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."
—Rev. Philip Burroughs Strong, in Golden Days.

Rest.

Now rest, my heart!
Canst thou by fretting keep the day
From sleeping in the arms of night,
Or make one sunbeam longer stay,
Or bring one clouded star in sight?
Thou canst not keep life's pain away
From that soul dearer than thine own,
But thou canst trust each sorrow may
Bring blossoms where thorns might have grown.
Now rest, my heart!

Now rest, my heart!
Two angels wait to give thee peace.
Remembrance, with past blessings, brings
Assurance that good will not cease.
Forgetfulness hath healing wings.
These will thy true companions be,
And hearts with burdens more than thine
May feel the love that shelters thee,
And seek the rest that is divine.
Then rest, my heart!
—Myra Goodwin Plantz, in Christian Advocate.

Woman, Gentle Woman.

HE.

Now all is over forever,
She has told me to come no more;
For me all the winds shall be bitter,
For me there is woe in the twitter
The sparrow twits over my door;
Sad memories ever shall hound me,
There is grief in the noises around me,
That only were joyful before—
Now all is over forever,
She has told me to come no more.

SHE.

I wonder what keeps him? I wonder
If he's plunged in the depths of woe?
Ah, how I would like to be near him,
To be well hidden where I could hear him—
His grieving would tickle me so!
I can fancy him pallid and yearning,
But I must await his returning—
I was cruel, but what of it? Oh,
I wonder what keeps him? I wonder
If he's plunged in the depths of woe?
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

When Baby Laughs.

When baby laughs all discontent and fretful care is gone,
The sparkle of her little eyes blends all of joy in one,
And all the sweetest songs I've heard are but discordant tone
When baby's laugh is in the air—angelic voice alone.

When baby laughs I quick forget her crying mood before,
And in her ear I whisper oft a tale of childish lore,
Her cackle gay is so sincere, so innocent and free.
Celestial harp? I tell you no! A baby's laugh for me.
—R. B. Thompson, in Metropolis Herald.

He Is Ever Near.

There is a time when doubts arise
To chill our souls with dread;
When life is faint, and fails to find
The truth on which it fed.
In such a time a Hand is near
To guide us in our doubt and fear.

The truth we thought was all in all
Has vanished from our sight;
While what we deemed the right, is wrong,
And what the wrong, is right.
But all is safe, God's on His throne;
If we are true the truth we'll own.
—Elliot Field, in N. Y. Observer.

Battle of Life.

The Battle of Life misunderstod,
Our Heavenly Father only would
Have us know the simple words: "Be Good."

And He does not say, be rich, be wise,
Nor to seek on earth what men do prize,
Only "Be Good," the dear Saviour cries.

The Holy Spirit doth aver say
The Battle of Life is always pray
That you may "Be Good" from day to day.
—Boston Budget.

A Little Song of Seasons.

They say that fall is here, my dear,
They say the summer's dead;
I hear them say the days are drear,
That timid Joy has fled.

Ah, let them sigh and let them sing
Their dirges solemnly—
You smile and bring the joy of spring,
The breath of May to me.
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

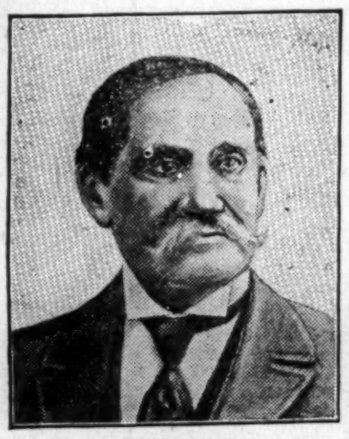
THE CUBAN REPUBLIC

Its Government to Be Inaugurated on February 24.

Tomas Estrada Palma, the President-Elect, Believes That Future of Island Depends on American Friendship.

The Cuban election for presidential and senatorial electors and members of the house of representatives and governors of provinces on January 1 resulted in the choice of electors who will cast their votes on February 24 for Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma for president and Dr. Luis Estevez, once secretary of justice in Gen. Wood's cabinet, for vice president of the republic. There was practically no opposition at the polls, Gen. Maso, the opposing candidate, having withdrawn; but there were partisan expressions of dissatisfaction. Gen. Palma was called by his political enemies the American candidate and the candidate of the bureaucracy; but the best evidence is of at least acquiescence if not satisfaction.

Gen. Palma may properly be called the American candidate in this sense—that he accepts the settlement of the whole Cuban question that was brought about under the Platt resolution. For this there could have been no other choice of a president so fit. He is a Cuban by birth and a lawyer by early training. His father was a rich planter in the province of Santiago when the so-called Ten Years' war against Spain began in 1868, and his property was confiscated and his wife was killed. Young Palma enlisted and attained high military rank, and he was at last chosen president of the provisional government of the island. After nearly nine years' fighting he was carried to Spain as a prisoner; he refused to swear allegiance to Spain as the price of freedom, but when the insurrection ended he was released and he



TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.
(To Be Formally Elected President of Cuba February 24.)

came to the United States. He soon went to Honduras, where for a time he held important public positions, and married a daughter of the president of Honduras. He returned to the United States, and made his home at the village of Central Valley in New York, where he has kept a school for Cuban boys. He has not been in Cuba for 20 years.

In 1895 he became the head of the Cuban junta in New York, and did energetic service against Spain. He was elected the first president of the Cuban republic without an effort on his part. He is now 66 years old, and he is a man in whom the conservative citizens both of Cuba and of the United States have confidence.

On the day after his election Mr. Palma declared that the principal object of the Cuban republic should be, first of all, to secure the most friendly relations with the American people, who helped the Cubans in the hour of need. They should always bear in mind the work of the United States in helping them to obtain their independence from Spanish rule. At the same time they should try to secure from the Washington government all the advantages possible for their products by reasonable reductions of the import duties, especially on sugar and tobacco, as this is the only way for Cuba to escape the absolute ruin of these two industries, which are the basis of its actual wealth.

The sulking and dissatisfied party, whose leader is Gen. Bartoleme Maso, has the possibility of mischievous opposition—not open opposition of the American kind, but rather the sort of treachery which is too often the Latin-American method of opposition.

Marriage Brokers in Italy.

Marriage brokers are a regular institution in Italy. In Genoa there are several marriage brokers, who have pocketbooks filled with the names of marriageable girls of the different classes, with notes of their figures, personal attractions, fortune and other circumstances. These brokers go about endeavoring to arrange matrimonial alliances in the same offhand mercantile manner which they would bring to bear upon a purely business transaction, and when they succeed they get a commission of two or three per cent, upon the dowry, with such extras of bonuses as may be voluntarily bestowed by the party.

Suggestion for Patriots.

Unless some patriotic society comes to the rescue the building in Richmond, Va., in which Patrick Henry delivered his famous speech will be torn down soon to make room for stores.

The Latest Catch Phrase.

"It's early yet" is the latest catch phrase to take up its travels.

OF ALL NATIONALITIES.

Fifteen hundred pounds has been given by Sir John Long "to promote the teaching of the songs of Scotland" among the school children of Dundee.

Typhoid fever in South Africa has been spread largely by means which sanitation could not cope with, the germs being conveyed into food and water by flies, and by the dust which pervades everything.

The Formosan gold mines are situated in the neighborhood of Kelung. The output of gold in 1898 was about 112 pounds; in 1899, 343 pounds, and for the first six months of 1900, 365 pounds. The gold is all sent to Japan.

Eighteen peasants of the district of Tscherdinsk bearing the family name of Dyavol (devil) have sent a petition to the czar asking for permission to change the name to Bugolubow (God beloved). This request was granted them.

The Russian empire contains more than 65 independent radical groups. It is a veritable tower of Babel. Even with the omission of Siberia and central Asia there remains in Russia, in Europe and the Caucasus alone, 46 different peoples.

Poland has a wealth of animal superstitions. The goat is there considered the best harbinger of luck, while the wolf, crow and pigeon are looked upon as unlucky. The skin of a cat worn on the chest is alleged to cure consumption. To cure cataract in the eye, take a black cock, make him look at the sun, look at it yourself, then throw the cock on the ground, jump on a fence and crow three times."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Mice are banished by laying wild mint in their haunts.

Sprinkle flour on burning oil. It will quickly extinguish it, whereas water would spread the flame.

Tea, coffee or cocoa stains should be removed with boiling water; if obstinate, with a weak solution of oxalic acid.

The crown of a crushed straw hat should be dampened with cold water and stuffed very lightly with old, soft paper. Then put to dry in a hot place. It will be blocked to its original shape.

It should not be overlooked in coloring plaster casts that only certain subjects are suitable for coloring. Those which represent subjects that in the original are in white marble should not be colored beyond the shade of old marble.

Housekeepers will find a canton flannel bag made with the downy side outward to slip over the broom on cleaning days a great convenience for dusting the walls. Make the bag with a drawstring, so that it can be tied securely on to the handle of the broom.

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—Washington Star.

Annoyed.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "isn't it a pity that the newspapers are so much behind time?"

"In what respect?"

"Why, they never print the names of the winner of a horse race until the next day, when it is too late to bet."—Washington Star.

ART NOTES.

In spite of his age Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is an art student.

M. Hamard, the French sculptor, has just completed at Paris the model of a statue of Marshal Rochambeau, to be presented to the city of Washington as a companion to the statue of Lafayette.

Miss Helen Hyde, of San Francisco, won the first prize in a Tokio art exhibition, in which her work, done in the Japanese manner, came into competition with that of native painters. She began her studies of oriental folk in San Francisco's Chinatown.

Some Knowledge.

He—The young man who is paying attention to Miss Gotrox? Yes; he's a lawyer.

She—I understand he doesn't know anything about law.

He—Well, he knows enough about law to see that there's more money in matrimony.—Puck.

Stupid All Around.

Patience—I sent a postal card to Wilbur last week, and forgot to put his name or address on it.

Patrice—Really?

"Yes; he must have thought me stupid when he got it.—Yonkers Statesman.